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Labour

faces

a rough

ride

at TUC

By JILL SHERMAN AND CHRISTINE BUCKLEY TRADE union leaders yesterday gave a warning that a recession was imminent. They launched a compre-hensive attack on Gordon Brown's economic policy, in-

cluding his proposals for pri-

vate sector finance in public

projects. The Government is

now heading for a surprise defeat at the TUC Blackpool

conference over one of the

Chancellor's key economic

policies after one of the larger

unions, the GMB general

workers' union withdrew its

support for the plan.

John Monks, the TUC Gen-

eral Secretary, tried to play down the jobs crisis but trade

union leaders were quick to

break ranks and call for

emergency action to protect

jobs, warning that a recession was hours away. Mr Monks

was also unable to contain a

potentially damaging row

over the single currency as it

emerged that some of the

biggest unions were split over

With clear signs that trade

union leaders feel that the

with them has been long

enough, Tony Blair kooks set

for a rough ride when he

attends the Congress for a

dinner on Tuesday night. But

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by Prime Minister, will lead a

group of cabinet ministers

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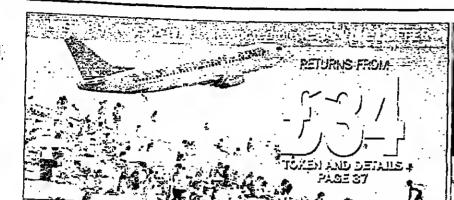
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Lurid report condemned

Clinton aides put Starr in the dock

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

THE White House yesterday mounted a ferocious counterattack on prosecutor Kenneth Start, accusing him of titillating America in order to hu-miliate President Clinton.

The President's lawyers and aides fanned out across the nation's airwaves to challenge Mr Starr's legal claims and to start a backlash against Mr Starr for packing the 445-page report with lurid sexual details of the affair between Mr Clinton and Monica Lew-insky, the White House

Deploying the new tactics. Democrat Maxine Waters, a member of the House Judiciary Committee which is now debating Mr Clinton's fate. said: "Ken Start is on trial as much as anyone."

The X-rated content of the report was the focus of national debate on the weekend. when the Starr report detonat-ed over Capitol Hill. Americans frantically clicked through Internet pages, or pored over columns of condensed newsprint, to find that most of the rumours of the eight-month scandal of the President's fling with a 22-year-old White House trainee were in the account.

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Many newspapers carried headline warnings that the content was not suitable for children. The White House hoped yesterday that the national unease about the content would play in their favour. and prompt Americans to feel

that Mr Starr went too far. Druing Mr Starr's roundthe-clock race to produce his report, he "became a hands-on editor, insisting on more sexual details", Newsweek said yesterday. "He said he wanted all the fact out", the magazine says. "From time to time, his staff had to explain exactly what acts Clinton and Lew-

insky were engaged in."

Mr Clinton's admission of "hundreds of affairs early in my marriage", in Ms Lewinsky's account, has inevitably set off a flurry of unconfirmed stories about his relations with other women, even within the

White House. This week will be crucial in showing whether support for Mr Clinton cracks under revulsion about his behaviour. and in determining whether he survives as President.

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6It is inconceivable that he should be able to restore the trust or authority of his presidency?

The first polls taken as America digested the Starr report suggested that more people felt Mr Clinton should face some form of formal reprimand for his behaviour. A CBS News poll said for the first time that a majority

would favour censure. But 62 per cent of respondents said that impeachment was not necessary, and only 32 per cent that it was justified. Two-thirds said Mr Clinton should not resign.

This week, in a move which could bolster public support, Mr Clinton is set to urge Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan to cut interest rates out of concern for the slowing economy, according

The President's lawyers yes-terday renewed their challence that the President had done something wrong, but not anything meriting im-peachment. "He did not perjure himself" in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case, said Mr Clinton's personal lawyer David Kendall.

Attacking the charge of perjury, the most legally troublesome in Mr Starr's list of Il reasons for impeachment, Mr Kendall said: "Perjury is a crime where you have to intentionally lie. He did not volunteer information, but he did not perjure himself. This was a frivolous case in which

the President's political ene-

mies were out to destroy him."
Signs emerged yesterday
that Democrats in Congress were beginning to favour a formal censure rather than calling for his resignation or plunging into traumatic and unpopular hearings on his

David Bonior, Democratic Representative from Michigan, called censure a "very real option", given that "doing nothing is unacceptable". He added: "Forgiveness is a very important part of the American character.

Republicans, many whom want him to resign, fear that impeachment hearings could be so unpopular that they would backfire on the President's accusers. Tom DeLay, Republican

- William Recs-Mogg. 22 ⇒ sentatives, said yesterday that it was too early to say whether the President should be impeached." He added: This is not about polls: this not about politics. This is about right and wrong Whether this President has the moral authority to continue as President."

The Judiciary Committee, which will begin debating whether there is reason to begin impeachment hearings. is considering the report behind locked doors, together with the 2,600 pages of appendices that have not been made

The committee will debate whether the appendices, which include transcripts of the phone calls between Ms Lewinsky and her friend Linda Tripp, will ever be made

It emerged last night that the President has not read Mr Starr's report. The White House deputy chief of staff, John Podesta, said: "Actually, we talked about that (on Saturday]. He told me that he

was not going to read it.
"I think he's decided that he's said what he has to say to the country. And he is working on the healing process. He's trying to heal his family. He is getting back to the work of the people."

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The mystery jogger

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

A CLIP of a five-year-old videotape had Americans wondering whether President Clinton had entertained a second woman in the short but now infamous stretch of windowless corridor that leads from the Oval Office to the

president's private study.

The clip, shown on American television, was of Mr Clinton with a dozen joggers in the Oval Office. They leave by one door, while Mr Clinton and one of the women runners leave into the hallway.

The joggers, volunteers raising money for Mr Clinton's reelection, were invited back to the Oval Office. When the group leaves Mr Clinton asks her: "Which entrance did you come in?". She and he then leave by the other door.

The White House said she was an Arkansas neighbour.



The Reverend Sue Irwin is escorted by police to marry Melanie Brown, the first Spice Girl to wed, and Jimmy Gulzar, a Spice Boy dancer. Spice Girl gets spliced, page 7; Review, page 21; Leading article, page 23

Albanian Cabinet flees armed mob

By CHRIS BROADHURST

CROWDS stormed the main THE SCOTT Polar Research government building in Tirainstitute last night called on Christie's to withdraw from na yesterday lorcing Patos Nano, the Albanian Prime sale artefacts taken from Cap-Minister and his Cabinet to flee in a hail of gunfire. One protester was killed and four tain Scott and Sir Ernest Shackleton's South Pole expedition huts that are due to be guards were wounded. auctioned on Thursday. Europe and the United States appealed for calm, fear-

Dr John Heap, executive director of the institute and chairman of the UK Antarctic Heritage Trust, added his voice to calls by Jeff Rubin, the author, in a letter to The Times for the candle lantern, leather sledging traces and a coat hook to be sent back to where

Christie's

should stop

Scott sale'

By STEPHEN FARRELL

they belong. Christie's insists that the items belong to the retired New Zealand Air Force officer who removed them in 1957 because they were taken two years before an international treaty preserving the sites.

But Dr Heap said last night he had contacted the Foreign Office and New Zealand Goveriment and would press Christie's today at a private

ful that the .turmoil could topple the Government and spread to neighbouring Kosovo. The protesters, incensed by the murder on Saturday of Azem Hajdari, 35, an opposi-tion politician, stormed the

government building, opening fire on the third floor, which contains Mr Nano's offices, and then set fire to the building. Dr Sali Berisha, the leader of the Opposition, blamed Mr Nano's Socialist Party for the the killing of Mr Hajdari and warned him to resign or face

catastrophic consequences. His followers chanted "kill, kill, kill Fatos Nano." Witnesses said Dr Berisha's Letters, page 23 | followers blocked a motorway

with barricades and flaming tyres and seized the police station at Kavaja. 18 miles

southwest of the capital. At the same time, the interior Ministry reported "unlawful developments" in "other towns" but gave no further details. Ministry spokesman, Artan Bizhga also said the situation in the country's maximum security prison was

The US Embassy in Tirana urged Albanians to "put down their weapons, crease threatening violence and pursue legitimate democratic and legal means to deal with the

"Leaders of all Albania's political parties must behave responsibly," the American statement said.

The violence raised fears of a repeat of the 1997 nationwide riots which swept Albania after the collapse of pyramid investment schemes that cost many Albanians their life

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The new wonder drug — a cuppa national Scientific Symposium heard

BY ALAN HAMILTON

AMERICA may live to rue the day it dumped that shipload of tea in Boston harbour. The world's biggest coffeedrinking nation has discovered that the alternative beverage may be the wonder drug of the age, a panacea for all manner of life-threatening diseases.

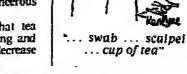
It has taken a symposium of scientists in Washington to stumble upon what this in wasnington to standard upon what this side of the Atlantic has known all along putting the kettle on for a cuppa is a

experts from around the world declare that tea may have greater anti-oxidant properties than most fruit and that drinking just one cop will do you as much good as eating a portion of fresh vegetables. Antioxidants are believed to play an important preventative role against cancer and heart disease.

Dr John Weisburger, a senior member of the American Health Foundation, told delegates. Tea has great potential to help reduce the incidence of major disease worldwide, especially when combined with a healthy lifestyle. In the nast strides in understanding the potential of both black and green tea to prevent chronic illness, which has important implications for public health." Dr Junshi Chen of the Chinese

Academy of Preventative Medicine reported experiments in Beijing, where rubbing liquid tea on lesions significantly reduced the growth of pre-cancerous

Tests on mice had shown that tea restricted the development of lung and colon cancers, and appeared to decrease



The cat's whiskers: Sprite

Public opinion will decide whether the Comeback Kid triumphs

merica was silent at the weekend, apart from the A click of computer mice on Internet symbols and the turning of sheets of newsprint, as President Clinton's public pored over the Starr report - and agonised about whether it still wanted him to occupy the White House.

This is the fortnight that will determine whether Bill Clinton stays in office. The President's team were clinging to hopes yesterday, after a searing defence by his lawyers and spin doctors. that the Comeback Kid might just pull it off.

If so, it will be because the American public and Congress blame Kenneth Starr, the special prosecutor, even more than Mr

COMMENTARY Bronwen Maddox

Clinton for showering them with the most explicit sexual details to emerge about a President of the

The factor most capable of sending Mr Clinton packing within weeks is a collapse in his support from ordinary Americans. Yesterday, opinion polls showed his approval ratings slipping, but by only a sliver. They were still standing just below 60 per cent — an astounding tribute the standards of any

That tolerance has been the

single most astonishing phenome- list minister who delivered sernon of the eight-month saga: a country whose puritanical roots still show clearly, has shown a willingness - indeed, determination - to separate the personal from the public.

The next couple of weeks will show whether the details Mr Starr so excitedly packed into his report will puncture that mental wall holding back censoriousness. There is a real risk for Mr Starr that, instead, there will be a backlash against him.

Newsweek magazine asserted yesterday that during the race to write the report. Mr Starr stood over his team, urging them to insert yet more sexual detail. That rings true. The son of an evangemons saying that women should not wear shorts, Mr Starr is about to find out whether he is more prurient, more easily shocked, more inexperienced, and simply more interested in sexual details than many Americans.

There are other factors at play in determining America's verdict, beyond Mr Starr's control. Americans still appear unrufiled by the new threat to the economic golddust which Mr Clinton claims to have showered on the country. A col-lapse in the feel-good factor will

inevitably hurt Mr Clinton. But if Mr Starr has failed to sbock Middle America, his report

immediate departure. That is not to say his report is legally innocuous, on the contrary, of the II grounds for impeachment in his report, three are strong enough to present serious legal problems to

Mr Clinton's team. Top of the list is the charge that Mr Clinton lied under oath when he denied having sex with Ms Lewinsky. The President's defence that oral sex does not constitute sex, peddled once again by his lawyer David Kendall yesterday, is farcical. But Americans appear deeply divided on whether that lie deserves whether that

So does Congress. Republicans know what they really want the

immediate resignation of the President. But if that most dogged fighter does not quit, Republicans are not at all sure that they want to impeach him.

n months of impeachment hearings, they would run the same risk that Mr Starr has done of appearing vengeful, intolerant, and petty, and of destroying the presidency in the name of saving it. On the Democratic side, pressure is emerging for the compromise solution" of a Congressional censure. That would allow Congress to give him a formal rap over the knuckles, but would forestall tortuous months - or years - of impeachment

from Michigan, made it clear yesterday that this was the soution of which Democrats are dreaming. Censure was a very real option, he said, as he thought that "doing nothing was unacceptable". He argued that at was what many Americans want ed as forgiveness is a viry important part of the American

character." Given any sign from the opinion polls that Americans are prepared to forgive Mr Clinton those Democrats who still support him will rush to build support for formal censure.

In these crucial days, that outcome is the White House's best

Lawyers' battalion starts fightback

IN WASHINGTON

THE White House launched the full force of its counterattack on Kenneth Starr, the independent prosecutor, sending a phalanx of lawvers and spin doctors out to blanket the narion's airwaves yesterday.

This isn't a case of anyone trying to justify the President's behaviour," David Kendall, his personal lawyer, said, "But there is nothing in this report which amounts to high crimes

Mr Kendall said that the Clinton team had still not seen the raw evidence behind Mr Starr's report and had been able to prepare their rebuttal only because of the flood of leaks. "It wasn't the tooth fairy [behind the leaks]: it was the prosecutors in Starr's office." he said.

After weeks of tense silence. waiting to see if the Starr report would contain further bombshells, aldes sallied forth to defend President Clinton, reassured that the worst was now known

Asked whether the Presi-dent would resign. Charles Ruff, the White House counsel, said: "Absolutely not. No way. Absolutely not. Whatever people believe happened here. there are no grounds for impeachment hearings."

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House's appeal to the public is that Mr Starr stuffed his report with explicit sexual details solely to humiliate and discredit the President "It was wholly unnecessary to include salacious details and I hope the people will not be led down the path Starr has tried to lead

us down." Mr Ruff said. That argument won much support in Congress yesterday, from Republicans and Democrats, and from leading commentators. Richard Ben-Veniste, the former Watergate prosecutor, said: "Starr the independent counsel has merged with Starr the publisher of a supermarket tablold". Beyond that political

launching a point-by-point le-gal defence. Mr Starr's first, and strongest, accusation is that Mr Clinton lied under oath in his deposition in the Paula Jones case when he denied having a "sexual rela-nonship", a "sexual affair" or "sexual relations" with Monica Lewinsky.

The President says when Ms Lewinsky performed oral sex on him that did not constitute sexual relations. "He was giving answers to a very narrow and technical definition," Mr Kendall said yesterday. Most Americans find that risible. But it is a plausible legal defence, with one huge problem: according to Monica Lewinsky's evidence in the Starr report, Mr Clinton



Lawyers David Kendall, left, and Charles Ruff

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turn. If true, that would mean

his evidence was a direct lie. Mr Starr's second most powerful 'accusation - connected to the first - is that the President repeated that lie on August 17 before a federal grand jury. Mr Clinton's lawyers are trying to perform the same legal manoeuvre as in the first allegation: arguing that Mr Clinton believed he was telling the truth, according to the definition of sex he thought the court was using.

The third claim likely to give the President's lawyers trouble is that he could not remember being alone with Ms Lewinsky. Mr Starr's team say that must be untrue. given the nature of events when he was alone with her.

The White House is on surer ground in attacking Mr Starr's accusations that Mr Clinton tried to tamper with witnesses, tried to obstruct justice, or abused his office. Mr Clinton's lawyers say that his denial of the affair on January 26 was not an abuse of his office: "Lying to the people does not constitute abuse of power, defined as 'corrupt use of the office for personal gain or some other improper purpose, ".

> William Rees-Mogg Leading article, page 23



Kenneth Starr, the independent prosecutor, chats yesterday with one of the US Marshals in his bodyguards

Public's support starting to wane

Washiogton: Polls indicate that although President Clinton's public support is still high, it is weakening (lan Brodie writes).

Results are often mixed, reflecting the confusion as Americans digest the full im-pact of Mr Clinton's lies. The polls still show approval for three showing his rating steady at between 56 and 62 per cent, where it has been

for months. A Newsweek poll found that

POLLS

39 per cent of Americans want Mr Clinton to resign, up from 31 per cent three weeks ago. but 58 per cent said he should stay in office. Asked if Congress should begin impeachment hearings, 35 per cent said "yes", 60 per cent "no", a change in the past three weeks from 24 per cent "yes" and

The idea of censuring the President rather than impeaching him found support among 58 per cent of respondents, according to a CNN-Gallup poll.

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What the founding tathers Meant

Hometown wrestles with faith in favourite son

FROM DAMIAN WHITWORTH IN HOPE, ARKANSAS

AS THE Starr report hit America like a hurricane, a real storm broke over Arkansas. Tropical Storm Frances howled and dumped torrenoal rain without respite for two

"I hope it isn't a comment," said Elsie Moon grimly. Hope, the little town where Bill Clinton was born, and which he romanticised in later years with talk of its giant watermelons and traditional values, is reeling at the news that its favourite son is the focus of a report so salacious that parents were fretting about keeping it away from their children.

At first they gave the impression that they could not care less about the report; no one seemed to be talking about it. The shoppers in Wal-mart and the men tucking into the boiled shrimp and frogs' legs breakfast special at the Western Sizzlin diner were full of talk of flash-floods and pileups on the road. The local television news led on Tropical Storm Frances and skipped

It soon became clear, how-



Falba Lively, Mr Clinton's cousin, in her gift shop

latest welcome diversion. The local newspaper. The Hope Star, which proudly bears the President's features on its masthead, buried the scandal inside Friday's edition. The main headline was "County fair to get under way".

It became apparent, however, that the boyhood home of Mr Clinton concluded his speech at the Democratic Conever, that the subject was vention in 1992 with the being studiously avoided and words: "I still believe in a the storm was merely the place called Hope." Hope is struggling to decide if it still

believes in Bill Clinton.

This is a backwoods town of 10,000 people with 44 churches and is in the heart of a dry county. These are Godfearing folk whose television weather forecasters warned them that they would need to carry umbrellas for church sterday, But their love of Mr Clinton is immense. When many of the inhabitants are not worshipping God they are table where he learnt to play worshipping their President. his beloved hearts was in the

after his seventh birthday to move to nearby Hot Springs. but even today he has family and many friends in the town. His cousin, Falba Lively, the daughter of Mr Clinton's great-uncle Buddy, still works in the gift shop in the Western Sizzlin diner selling a bewildering array of Clinton

"One of my sons is at church, the other one is sleeping. They don't care anything about this. People don't," she said at first. She talked animatedly about the annual Hope watermelon festival, But then her eyes filled with tears and she became distressed. "We still love Bill Clinton, Ken Starr is right out of line."

She said that she believed Kenneth Starr was driven by a hatred of Hillary Clinton. They worked together one time and she got the better of him. She is so much smarter than him. He should go to jail for life for what he has done to them."

After Mr Clinton won his first term in 1992, a band of his greatest disciples clubbed together to buy the then derelict home he had lived in for the III SI IOUI ears of his life. The restored it to the way it looked when he lived there; the card worshipping their President: his beloved hearts was in the Bill Clinton left the town just living room, the photograph of

him winning the Most Beautiful Baby contest sat on the manielpiece. With an adjoining museum and study centre nacked with pictures and memorabilia, more than 5,500 visitors have passed through since it opened last year. Barbra Streisand has donated \$10,000 for a memorial garden to the President's late mother, Virginia.

The people in Hope are completely supportive of the President. But that doesn't mean they are not disappointed and sad," said Beckie Moore, executive director of. the Clinton Birthplace Foundation. "His phrase about still believing in a place called Hope has been tossed about a lot, but he really does believe that and that's because he had a good, home-grown upbringing. That's what you get here in Hope. A lot of love and attention."

Mrs Lively invited The Times to join her for yesterday's worship at the Unity Baptist Church in Hope. Mr Clinton was not mentioned by name, but he was on every one's mind at the service. "I prayed for Bill this morning let the good Lord have his way," she said. As she headed Sizzlin, the rain



Beckie Moore at the town's visitor centre dedicated to its favourite son

What the **Founding Fathers** meant

By IAN BRODIE

DEBATE is growing in Washington over just what the US Constitution means by an impeachable offence and whether President Clinton's transgressions qualify.

In referring to impeachment, the Founding Fathers spoke of "high crimes and misdemeanours". Today this phrase seems to be a contradiction in terms. We consider a misdemeanour to be less heinous than a felony. suggesting that the word's meaning could have changed since the Constitution was written more than 200 years ago.

Contemporary writings suggest that the framers of the Constitution were seeking to punish wrongs committed against the American system of gov-ernment rather than driving a President from office

CONGRESS

for his personal behaviour. At issue is whether Mr Clinton's alleged perjury and obstruction of justice add up to high crimes or

misdemeanours within the meaning of the Constitution.
Kenneth Starr appears
to have anticipated this
argument by accusing Mr
Clinton of committing acts that were inconsistent with the President's constitutional duty falthfully to execute the laws of the

United States. The same tack was taken in a report submitted by the House Judiciary Committee in its findings of impeachable offences by Richard Nixon in 1974. One young aide who worked on the report was Hillary Rodham. She took the job after it had been turned down by her fiance and Yale Law School classmate. Bill Climton.

Supporters hope for impeachment deal

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

THE timing could not be worse. The Clintons and the Gores will be together in Manhattan today for the Democratic Party's biggest fundraising event of the year. However, several of New York's leading Democrats somehow will find themselves too busy to fit the visit into their schedule. In the meantime, other

Democrats were urging Mr Clinton publicly to change his incompatible statements of confessing that he had sinned while insisting he had not committed perjury. Instead, they were urging the President to signal that he would be prepared to accept a congres-sional censure in return for an agreement on the withdrawal of any possible proceedings

The Democratic National Committee decided that its glitzy fundraising show must go on, despite calls by some party leaders to call it off.

admitted his affair with Moni-

towards impeachment

The events have been planned for months to raise \$3.5 million (£2 million) for Democrats trying to win election to Congress in November. It will be the first time the Clintons and Gores have spent so much time in public together since the President

DEMOCRATS

Broadway musical The Lion King to be attended, as the New York joke has it, by the "Lying King". Earlier, there will be lunch for 100 people at the tri-level flat of Denise Rich, a songwriter and socialite whose former husband fied to Switzerland after being indicted for fraud. The price of admission: \$50,000 per

couple.

Geraldine Ferraro, who ran unsuccessfully for Vice-President in 1984, said she would not have time to attend any of the events because she is running in the Democratic primary for the Senate tomor-row. "I've got to get out the vote," Ms Ferraro said, adding that Mr Clinton's behaviour had been a shame, but not bad enough to ask him to

Candidates for other offices also pleaded that they were too busy pounding the wards and knocking on doors to be socialising with the Clintons and Gores. The truth is, no one running for office in a tight race wants to be too closely identified with the President at this particular

At the same time, motorists have been warned of gridlock when the motorcades of both the President and the Vice-President tie up Manhattan's already choked traffic. Sec-The high point will be a already choked traffic. Sec- Mr Clinton is going to he sold-out performance of the urity will require key arteries bear. That is toll enough.

such as FDR Drive on the East River to be closed for hours at

In urging Mr Clinton to end his legal quibbling, Bob Kerrey, a Democratic senator, said it was inconsistent for the President to confess he had sinned while his lawyers were challenging Kenneth Starr's claim that his earlier statements denying a sexual rela-tionship with Ms Lewinsky were false.
"The President and the Pres-

ident's lawyers are now saying two different things," Mr Kerrey said. In many ways, the lawyers were making it more difficult for the people and Congress to come to a decision about Mr Clinton.

Similarly. Leon Panena, the former White House chief of staff, told The Washington Post that it was time for Mr Clinton to "stop quibbling" about whether he lied about his sexual relationship with Ms Lewinsky. It was clear he had misled the country and he needed to co-operate with Congress, not engage in the same tactics of the past seven

A censure or formal reprimand would make sense and would spare Congress from six or seven months of debate and more damage about possible impeachment.

months.

Mr Panetta said: "This presidency is never going to be the same and that is something Mr Clinton is going to have to

World press opinion divided

BY CHRIS BROADHURST

NEWSPAPERS were dominated yesterday by coverage of the Starr report. Many editorials in the American press called for President Clinton to resign. The Washington Post concluded that "Mr Clinton's behaviour is at the margins of

impeachability". The New York Times said: "A President who had hoped to be remembered for the grandeur of his social legisla-tion will instead be remembered for the tawdriness of his tastes and conduct."

The Detroit Free Press said: There was a time not too long only stand aghast at a nation reached its end."

story was truly an inspiration - a dirt-poor kid who fulfilled an improbable dream to become President of the United States. Now he is truly an embarrassment." The Arkansas Democrat

Gazette said: The report ought to come with mouthwash to get rid of the taste."
Italy's La Repubblica was critical of Americans for paying so much attention to Mr Clinton's liaisons with Ms Lewinsky: "We Europeans can

which is so infantile it actually considers bringing down a President for doing what goes on all over the world."

In France, Le Journal du Dimanche said: "More than ever, the Comeback Kid seems determined to fight." The weekly magazine, Marianne, called Mr Starr's report "the first porno assassination m history." Le Monde entitled its

editorial "Hell is American." Hong Kong's English-language daily, the South China Morning Post, said: "The time has come for Bill Clinton to resign himself to the fact that his fight for survival has

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By CAROL MIDGLEY

MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

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yesterday confirmed that it had been asked to speak to Manchester United's financial

advisers on behalf of a mys-

Salomon Smith Barney said

A quarter of girls in care become pregnant

By ALEXANDRA FREAN SOCIAL AFFAIRS

CORRESPONDENT ONE in four young women in institutional care is either pregnant or aircady a mother by the time she leaves to set up home on her own, according to a report by the National Children's Bureau.

Rates of teenage pregnancy ranged from 14 to 25 per cent among girls aged under 20 who were in care or who had recently left care, compared with 3 per cent for the nation

Also, girls who had child-ren while being looked after by a local authority tended to have less support than those did not become

The report, funded by the Department of Health, raises serious questions about the role of local authorities in protecting vulnerable young people in their charge and is likely to be scrutinised by ministers, who have pledged to cut the rate of unwanted

teenage pregnancies.

Judith Corlyon, co-author of the report, said that most of the 30 youngsters she interviewed for the study had become sexually active at a very young age. This was prompted partly by peer pressure and partly by a need for affection - something some of them had rarely received from their own families.

One young woman said: "You feel left out so you do it because everyone else does." Another said that the lives of youngsters in care were so unpleasant that "they feel better if they are going to bed

Ms Corlyon said: "What differentiated this group was a lack of self-esteem, which meant they succumbed more easily to pressure."
Few of the girls interviewed

had wanted to become pregnant. As a life in care had resulted in frequent interruptions to their schooling, many had not received much in the way of sex education. The study called for better

sex education for youngsters tion between different caring agencies to improve services for young mothers once they

Author creates a storm over 'plundered' polar artefacts

POLAR experts have accused Christie's of damaging Ant-arctica's cultural heritage by including artefacts from Captain Scott and Sir Ernest Shackleton's South Pole expeditions in an auction later this

In a letter to The Times Jeff Rubin, author of the Lonely Planet guide book Antarctica: A Travel Survival Kit, calls for four lots removed from the explorers' hase huts 41 years ago to be withdrawn from the London sale catalogue and returned to their historic sites.

The Foreign Office has also written to the auction house seeking information on the artefacts ownership, and to the New Zealand government - within whose Antarctic territories the huts fall informing them of the sale.

The objects include a candle lamp from Shackleton's Cape Royds hut on his 1907-09 expedition: leather sledge straps from Captain Scott's 1902-04 Discovery Expedition Hut at Hut Point; a brass coathook from Scott's Cape Evans cubicle on his final, doomed 1910-1913 expedition and a glass beaker, crucible and bottles from Dr Edward Adrian Wilson's cubicle on the same trip. The objects, lots 210-214 among hundreds of works of art and memorabilia in Christie's Exploration and Travel sale on September 17. are expected to fetch £13,000. The lamp alone is valued at

They were taken from the huts in 1957 by John Claydon, a retired Royal New Zealand

between £3,000 to £5,000.



Shackleton: items include his lamp

Air Force Wing Commander who ran air support for the Commonwealth Trans-Antarctic expedition. Claydon's expedition, the first to achieve a land crossing of the continent, set up its own bases near the historic huts used by Scott and Shackleton, which still had food tins, remains of equipment and skeletons of animals lying around in the open. However it was not until two years later, under the 1959 Antarctic Treaty, that the sites became protected and visitors were banned from removing such objects.

In his letter to The Times Mr Rubin concedes that during the 1950s, "it was a common practice for the rare visitor to Antarctica to take souvenirs from the camps of previous

But he points out that atti-



of — or merely disregard for — the spirit of the treaty." His concern is echoed by the

UK Antarctic Heritage Trust and other groups in Britain and New Zealand. Captain Pat McLaren, honorary secre-tary of the UK trust, said his New Zealand counterparts had already visited Wing Commander Claydon in a vain effort to persuade him to remove the items from sale.

"We feel very strongly about this. As the Christie's caralogue itself acknowledges. Claydon took these things out of the abandoned huts in 1957. and he took them as souvenirs. Our chairman is writing to the chairman of Christie's expressing our concern about the situation, particularly about the ownership, the morality and to point out that these artefacts should go back whence they came."

The issue echoes the controversy over accusations of looted art which last year led Sotheby's to issue a new code of conduct banning the sale of works of art and artefacts if staff suspected they had been At a public viewing yester-

day Christie's associate direc-tor Nicholas Lambourn defended the artefacts' inclusion in the sale. He pointed out that by removing objects from earlier expeditions Wing Commander Claydon only did what Scott himself had done in 1901 by taking a flag from Borchgrevink's 1899 wintering

hut. He also said that expeditions often deliberately left items for future trips to use. and that in 1957 the huts were open to blizzards and ice so, by removing objects, later visitors were preserving what might otherwise have been lost or destroyed. Mr Lambourn admitted, however, that it was a "sensi-

tive issue" and confirmed that Christie's had received a letter from the Foreign Office. "They have made an inquiry to us seeking information about title," he said last night. To the best of our know-

Claydon has good title. The Antarctic area is a fairly knew David Hempleman-Adams. areas for us. There might be examples like this where there the polar explorer who in 1995

are grey areas where things can be thrashed out. We became the first Briton to walk solo and unsupported to the are offering these lots and we are happy with title at the would be "sacrilege" for modmoment. The key thing is ern visitors to take even a tin from historic with material taken many

romantic side of me would be that they should be returned to the original site. On the other hand you are talking about hundreds of thousands of artefacts taken over the years. Should they start hunting for them to send them all back?"

"It is a very fine line. The

Shackleton's lamp, from his 1907 Antarctic expedition, is estimated at £3,000

it had been instructed to talk to HSBC Holdings, advisers to the football club, but did not identify the client. The announcement immediately sparked speculation that a rival offer may be made for the club following BSkyB's £623 million bid, which was backed by Manchester United's board last week. A spokeswoman for Salo mon Smith Barney said: "We have been asked by a client to approach HSBC for information on Manchester United." However, she added: "This is very ordinary practice when a large bid has just been made for a company - other interested parties will consider the position." She dismissed as

tery client.

"rubbish" suggestions that the US bank itself was planning a rival bid. BSkyB, in which News International, which owns The Times, has a 40 per cent stake, has already received undertakings from the directors of the club, who own 17 per cent of the business, that they will sell their shares to

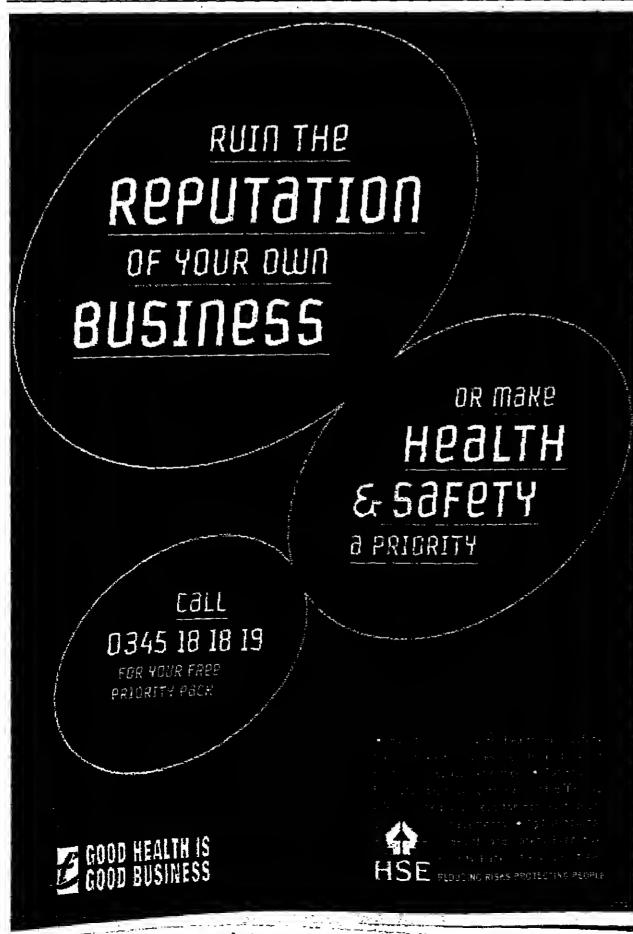
Manchester United's board. however, would be legally bound to consider any offer of greater value than that from BSkyB. A spokesman for BSkyB remained "very confident that the company's bid for the club would be successful. He said: "We think it (BSkyB's offer) is in the best interests of the club, the fans and the shareholders of Manchester United."

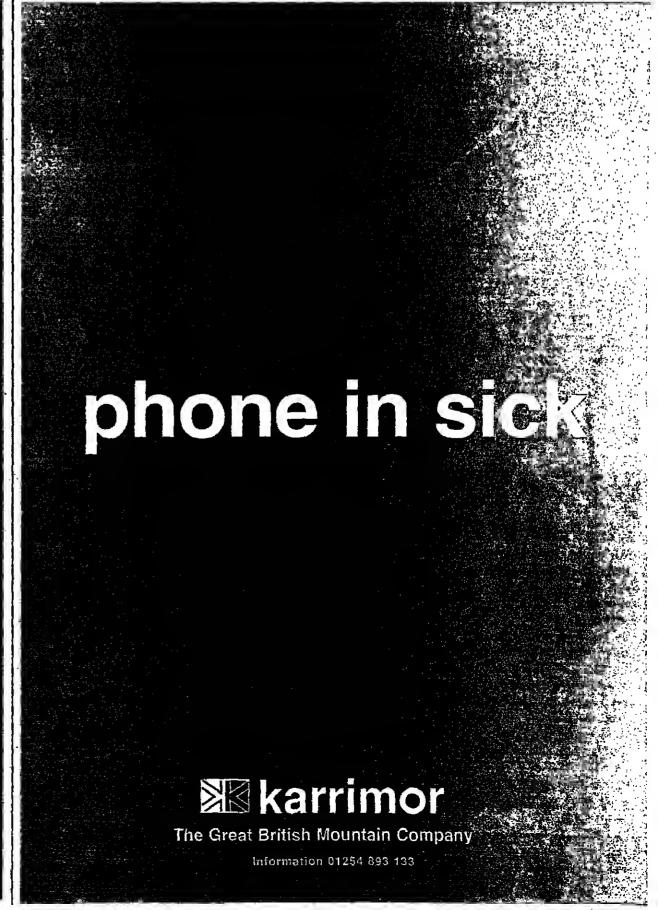
Maurice Watkins, one of Manchester United's directors and its solicitor, said that he had no comment to make about Salomon Smith Barney's statement.

A Gailup poll for the Sunday Telegraph found that 47 per cent of those questioned should intervene to block the takeover of the club by BSkyB. compared with 40 per cent who said it should not.



Bottles from Edward Wilson's hut at Cape Evans









Roger Boyes



ferred the matter to the Stand-

ing Medical advisory Comm-

ittee, but has yet to hear back.

It hopes to issue guidelines as soon as possible after the licence is issued, but is not

saying when that will be. In

the meantime, specialists are

be hell," said Derek Machin, a

Liverpool urologist, who has

been negotiating with his local health authority for a budget for Viagra. "We have no idea

what is going to hit us and are

just not prepared."

One idea is that the Government may insist that Viagra can be prescribed only by

urologists after referral from a GP. However, there are only 400 urologists in Britain, They are already one of the

most overworked specialties

with the longest waiting lists.

If they had to vet clinical need

in all impotent men it would

extend the waiting lists even

further, meaning men with

serious conditions would go

Quite frankly I expect it to

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VOICES WITH AUTHORITY FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD

Arrival of Viagra will cause chaos, BMA says

IN A warehouse somewhere in northern France, Pfizer has been assembling stocks of the little blue pill that impotent men all over Europe have been awaiting for months.

Their wait should come to European Commission is expected to approve last month's recommendation by the European Medicines Eval-uation Agency that Viagra should be licensed. Once the Commission completes that formality, the pili can be prescribed throughout the European Union, and Pfizer has been building stocks in anticipation of demand.

As soon as the licence is issued, containers of the pill will be dispatched to destinations all over Europe. Some will be heading to Britain. where major distributors are making plans to speed it to every corner of the country. UniChem, one of the largest pharmaceutical suppliers, will he sending stocks from its central depot at Letchworth in Hertfordshire to its 12 satellite depots, making it possible for any chemist to receive an

it (Mark Henderson writes).

A MIDIANDS health authority will disappoint thousands of men seeking Viagra if the

drug is licensed, by telling GPs not to prescribe

North Nottinghamshire health authority

has taken action because of concerns about cost and safety. GPs were told that new

impotence treatments should be available only

in hospitals, and were advised not to refer new

patients to specialist clinics until resources

permit. The authority said it had problems

funding existing impotence treatments, and

Brussels is expected to approve

licensing of anti-impotence drug

tomorrow. Ian Murray reports

What nobody really knows yet is who will be able to get it. apart from private patients who are able to pay a special-ist to treat their impotence by prescribing it for them.

Tessa Jowell, the Public Health Minister, told the Commons in June that once licensed Vlagra would be available on the National Health Service to meet clinical need. However, the popularity of the pill in the United States since it became available in March has alarmed the Health Department. health authorities and GPs.

There are an estimated 2.5 million impotent men in Britain, and no one knows how many of them will want to try Viagra. The British Medical Association calculates that if all these men were prescribed the drug the cost would exceed £1 billion a year. But specialists believe that

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The children were tested by

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ters in stories were likely to

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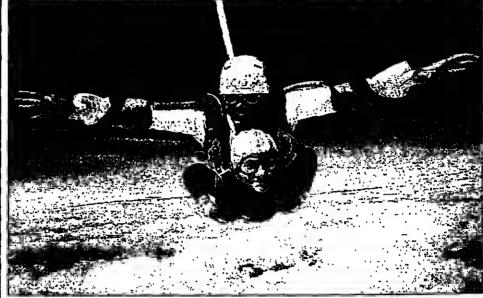
only about 250,000 of those for whom Viagra is suitable will want a prescription, adding £100 million to the annual NHS drugs bill.

Pfizer, the drug's manufacturer, claims that no more than 150,000 men are likely to be prescribed the pill regularly. The company says if each of them were given one or two tablets a week the annual bill would be no more than £50 million compared with the Et2 million now spent on impotency treatment.

The medical profession is clamouring for national guidelines; doctors do not want to find themselves in the invidious position of having to ration the drug. If all those in clinical need who ask for help are to be treated fairly, the BMA argues, the Govern-ment must tell them how to

longer without treatment. Julian Shah, consultant urologist at the Middlesex decide who will receive it.
The Government has re-Hospital in London, said that Viagra was actually cheaper than other treatments, such as njections, available on the THE HEALTH GUIDELINES THAT WILL DISAPPOINT NHS. "These people are suf-fering from a genuine condi-tion for which there is now a that demand for Viagra was likely to exceed available funds. It raised concerns about safety good treatment, he said. 1 do of the drug, which has been linked to more not see how we can be so than 20 deaths in the US, and advised GPs not heartless as to deny them the to prescribe new drugs until they had been licensed for a year. Richard Hook, chairman of

The Impotence Association the local medical committee, said doctor applications from impotent Jeffrey Worrall, chief executive of the men. "Nine out of ten men authority, said: "What we are doing is what suffering from It don't see any prudent health authority in the country their doctor about it," said Ann Craig, its director.



Air sports, including skydiving, claimed more than 50 victims from 1988 to 1992

Sports injuries show rugby is the riskiest

By Ian Murray, medical correspondent

ABOUT 160 people die from sports injuries every year, mostly during water and air sports, motor racing and horse riding. More than 500,000 are taken to hospital after overdoing exercises. Although rugby is the most dangerous game, even golf, bowis and snooker claim

A survey shows that sport is a risky business. Apart from deaths and hospital cases. GPs handle about 4 million sports injuries a year and another 14 million are treated

The survey, by David Ball, di Middlesex University's environmental sciences department, looks at the relative danger of every sport based on the number of people who participate and the number of times each individual takes part. "Participation in sport and exercise carries with it a variety of risks, including occasionally fatalities and. more often, musculoskeletal injuries, risks to the heart and harm through wear and tear,"

Professor Ball writes in the journal Sports Exercise

The figures for 1983 to 1992 show no apparent increase in the number of sports fatalities, which average 163 a year. By comparison, in 1992 there were \$.628 road fatalities. 4,521 died in accidents in the home and 400 people were killed at work. Sport and leisure contribute a fairly modest amount to the overall total of deaths, though not one which should be disregarded or undervalued."

Between 1988 and 1992, figures show water-related ous, with 191 drowning while swimming, 69 lost boating or sailing and 50 dying while fishing. Oo land, motor sports (65 deaths), followed by horse riding (62), and mountaineer-

ing (51) claimed most lives. Among games, soccer, with 14 deaths, had the most fatalities, with rugby, hockey and cricket recording two each. Three badminton players died, as did nine people while jogging. There was one fatality each over the five years in tennis, golf and gymnastics. Air sports, mostly light aircraft and hang-gliding, claimed 51 victims.

Professor Ball worked out a relative risk factor for each sport, showing how many among 100,000 participants in each sport receive injuries severe enough to put them in hospital. On this basis, rugby emerges as the most dangerous game, with 440 players from every 100,000 participating in games on one afternoon needing hospital treat-

count for 44 per cent of all hospital cases, the game is less than half as dangerous as rugby, with only 200 out of every 100,000 receiving serious injuries. Cricket, hockey and skiing are equally dangerous, with 130 hospital

cases for each 100,000. Overall, for every sports fatality, 4,000 people need hospital treatment and 25,000 see their GP or practice nurse.

Death of diver prompts breathing • gear alerf

BY LISA THOMUNSON

A DIVER found dead in 12ft of water after an extensive air and sea search was using a new type of equipment that. has been blamed for the deaths of three people this

rear. Keith Milburn, 44, a business consultant from Carryduff in Belfast, had been diving for edible crabs with five others from a boat off Cloghan Head, near Ardglass, Co Down. He completed his dive safely but returned to the water to retrieve a piece of equipment and failed to resurface at 7.30pm on Saturday. His body was found near the diving site at noon

yesterday. Mr Milburn is thought to have died of oxygen poisoning. He was using breathing apparatus that has only been on the market a year, and is a modern version of equipment developed by the military during the Second World War. It works by re-oxygenating exhaled air by filtering it through a series of chemicals,

to be re-breathed by the diver. The British Sub Aqua Club has warned its 50,000 members not to use it while they carry out a safety check follow-

ing the previous three deaths. Ian Murdock, watch manager at Belfast Marine Rescue Subcentre, said: "It is not safe. Four people have died now sold. One death is too many. but four from the same system is not acceptable. This needs to be looked into urgently. Divers using the equipment. are either not heeding the warnings or they are not using the system properly."

The system, which costs about £3,000 compared with a few hundred pounds for normal breathing apparatus, has proved popular for underwater photography because it does not generate bubbles. During the war it enabled divers to sneak unseen into enemy harbours, it also allows divers to stay under water for up to 12 hours.

David Vincent, the owner of DV Diving in Bangor, Co Down, said he may stop selling the re-breather gear after the most recent death. He said that he had taught the new system to a diver, Nick Gotto, who died while using it off Cork last month.

Divers using the equipment have also died off the Norfolk coast and in the English Channel in the last year.

He said: "I would only train qualified divers to use the equipment. It is complex and that is what I aim to explain to the divers. It is not as simple to use as an open circuit

Boys feel pressure | Quiz show makes to pick tough toys BT a millionaire

By IAN MURRAY

BOYS as young as four try to boys who insisted they did not make themselves look more masculine when they play with their peers than when they are alone, psychologists have discovered. They carefully choose toys that males are supposed to prefer and show rigid gender stereotypes.

The researchers, from Essex University, found that girls and older children were noselves by answering a set of where near as fixed in their attitude to gender as young boys. Boys aged from four to six seemed very preoccupied with showing their playmates how masculine they were. conference yesterday, said the results highlighted the early

The researchers asked boys and girls up to nine years old whether they they played games or with toys traditionally linked to one sex or the other. It was only the younger

accepted the guidelines reluctantly.

By Carol Midgley, media correspondent

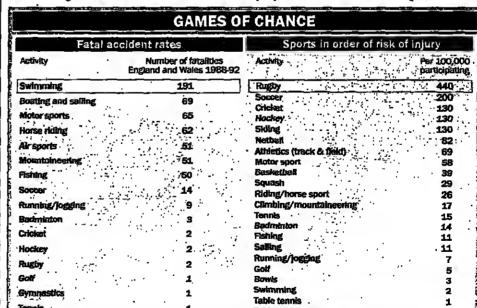
VIEWERS trying to get on the television game show Who Wants To Be A Millionaire are lining the pockets of BT and the programme makers, it was disclosed last night. BT has earned about £1 million from the premium rate phone lines and Celador, the company behind the series, is on course to make a similar

So far the largest amount won by a contestant is £64,000. Technically, contestants can win £1 million if they answer 15 general knowledge

questions correctly. Last night Celador promised that its profits would either go to charity or towards making a second series. BT said that operating costs had to be deducted from the figure.

In order to try to win a place on the show, callers paid £1 for a two-minute call to an 0891 number that gave them the chance to answer a general knowledge question. More than three million people rang the number. BT rented the lines to Celador for 17p a minute. The volume of calls was so great that it interfered with the taped telephone message from the show's host, Chris Tarrant.

The telephone watchdog, the independent Committee for the Supervision of Standards of Telephone Information Services. has received more than 20 complaints. But it will not be taking any action because the problem was technical and not deliberate, a



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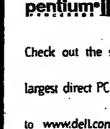
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Melanie Brown's mansion, left; David Beckham, the Manchester Utd and England footballer and his fiancee Victoria Adams (Posh Spice); Emma Bunton (Baby Spice); a paparazzi viewpoint; and Melanie Chisholm (Sporty Spice)

First Spice Girl gets spliced

By Claudia Joseph and Carol Midgley

ENTERPRISING locals in Little Marlow, Buckingham-shire, made the wedding of the first Spice Girl to get married a money-spinning event of which the singer's agents would have been proud.

As the world's media gathered outside the garden of Melanie Brown's mansion where she wed Jimmy Gulzar, a Spice Boy dancer with the group - Philip Emmett, a farmer, charged £5 to park in his yard. The primary school charged £20.

Mr Emmetr's brother, Nick, whose house overlooks the manor which Ms Brown for £2.25 million, rented his church of St John the Baptist bathroom to paparazzi for £500 and a share of any

A massive security operation surrounded the wedding ceremony and subsequent months pregnant was mar-party to protect the couple's exclusive deal with OKI maga-substitution of the couple's substitution of the cou zine, reported to be £350,000.

The wrought-iron gates outside the house were draped with white sheets. A canvas tunnel had been built to cover the route from a gate in the mansion garden wall to the nearby church door, shielding guests from view.

Tight security was extended throughout the village. There

sides of the winding lanes and police and security guards lined the streets. Some 15 police officers cordoned off the road to the house. Residents were asked to move their cars to allow guests to drive freely through the village.

OK! had ten security guards to protect its investment and the Spice Girls employed another 30. One sat at the back of the church, before sweeping the stone building for remote-controlled cameras.

Two photographers had tried to sleep outside the church in their cars the night before the wedding, but one was arrested and spent the night in a police cell.

· All of the 150 guests at the obeyed instructions to wear white. The three other Spice Girls arrived separately and were mobbed by the crowds.

Ms Brown, who is three ding cake had nude figurines of the bride and bridgegroom. on the top.

Geri Halliwell, formerly known as Ginger Spice, who left the band earlier this year, is understood to have declined an invitation to attend.

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Dogs' microchip ID could be compulsory

Animal welfare groups support the scheme, reports Roland Watson

BRITAIN'S 5.3 million dog owners would be forced to pay for their pets to be identified by microchip implant and logged on a national database under proposals expected to

win ministerial support. The compulsory registra-tion scheme would aim to cut the bill for rounding up strays, nousing them or putting them down, which costs taxpayers tens of millions of pounds each

The charge to the owners of the country's seven million dogs could be a one-off fee of about E30 for the animal's lifetime or an annual payment of about E5. Surplus funds would go to a national dog wardens' scheme to police the system and promote responsi-ble dog ownership. Officials at the Department of Environment, Transport and the Regions have started discussing with the RSPCA and Kennel Club how such a scheme would work and are examining draft proposals drawn up by both groups. The RSPCA is pushing for legislation in the next session of Parliament. which begins in November.

The principle of a national dog-registration scheme was backed by Labour in opposition, but the policy did not make it into the party's election manifesto. Ministers have waited for animal welfare groups to come forward with plans before taking up the issue. A spokeswoman for the Department said the idea of registration "underpins" gov-ernment thinking and that proposals would be given "full consideration" by Alan Meale, the junior environment minister responsible. Although it is

unlikely the Government would take up a valuable slot in its crowded legislative programme to draw up a bill itself, it is believed ministers would support a Private Member's Bill on the issue.

Although recent surveys by the RSPCA show support for the idea it is likely that registration would be opposed by some owners as a "dog tax". Final proposals would almost certainly need to include exemptions for pensioners and the blind, and possibly working dogs, for them to win approval. When a similar proposal was put before the Commons in 1990 it was

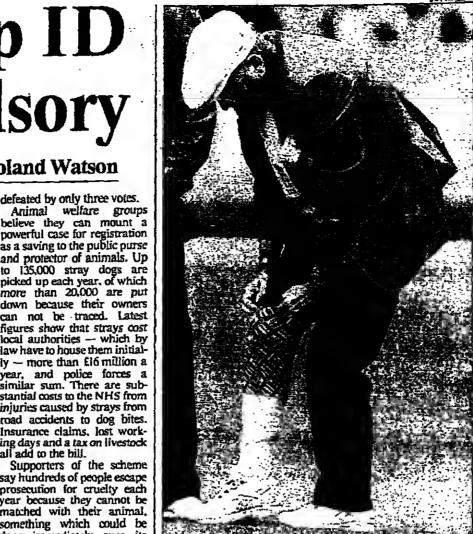
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PET FOOD PRICE INQUIRY DEMANDED

AN MP is to ask the Office of Fair Trading to investigate pet food prices. Archy Kirkwood, Liberal Democrat MP for Roxburgh and Berwickshire, said he had been told that prices were so high that it could be cheaper to feed pets on smoked salmon. He was concerned that the elderly might be paying too much to feed their pets and had written to the OFT. No-one was available to comment from the Pet Food Manufacturers

defeated by only three votes. Animal welfare groups believe they can mount a powerful case for registration as a saving to the public purse and protector of animals. Up to 135,000 stray dogs are picked up each year, of which more than 20,000 are put down because their owners can not be traced. Latest figures show that strays cost local authorities — which by law have to house them initially - more than £16 million a year, and police forces a similar sum. There are substantial costs to the NHS from injuries caused by strays from road accidents to dog bites.

all add to the bill. Supporters of the scheme say hundreds of people escape prosecution for cruelty each year because they cannot be matched with their animal, something which could be done immediately once its identification chip was read by



The umpire "Dickie" Bird was hit by a ball during his final match yesterday. Out on top, page 37

Top Jewish school is first to fail Ofsted test

BY JOHN O'LEARY EDUCATION EDITOR

THE first Jewish school to fail an Ofsted inspection has been ordered to rethink a timetable that devotes more than half of each day to prayer and religious study.

Pardes House and Beis Yaakov primary schools, in Barnet, North London, merged in 1996 to meet the requirements of the state system. But a forthcoming Ofsted report says the narrow curriculum and high proportion of unsatisfactory teaching pro-duces unacceptable standards

of general education.
The utira-Orthodox school continues to operate on the original sites for boys and girls, several miles apart, adhering to Torah values. The inspection report says gover-nors and senior staff have been "slow in coming to terms with the responsibilities and demands associated with voluntary aided status".

The Ofsted team, who carried out their inspection in June, said: "The small proportion of curriculum time allocated to the teaching of subjects in the secular curriculum has a significant impact on standards."

Jewish schools were the first non-Christian religious foun-dations to be admitted into the state system. Their success paved the way for the Govern-ment's decision earlier this year to approve the first Muslim state schools.

The majority of the 678 pupils at Pardes House and Beis Yaakov, according to the report, "are not exposed to the media or read secular literature". Larry Rosenberg, Director of Communications for the Board of Deputies of British Jews, said: "I am certain that schools such as Pardes House, which serves a very Orthodox sector of the community, will have to work hard to adapt to the state system. The trust has always stressed the religious element of education, but that does not mean that the rest of the curriculum cannot grow stronger. It is more than possible to approach the whole curriculum Jewishly without compromising standards."

carried out its own inspection of the school, which Mr Rosenberg said was also critical.

The school could not be contacted for comment. Ci Government sources denied reports yesterday that ministers had decided to reappoint Chris Woodhead, the Chief Inspector of Schools, and award him a 40 per cent pay rise. A spokesman for David Blunkett, the Education and Employment Secretary, said no decision had been made on the renewal of Mr Woodhead's contract, which has almost a year to run.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Twin sisters killed while riding bikes

Twin sisters were killed by a. car as they cycled along arrunlit road at night without

lights on their bikes.

Jodie Scrivens, 12, and her sister Jayne were found by their father, Raymond, who was searching for them after they failed return home on time from a friend's house on.
Friday night

Jodie died at the scene and

Jayne died later in hospital after the accident a mile from their home in Bushbury, Wor verhampton, West Midlands The driver of the car has not been charged.

Safety first

A council appointed a bus supervisor to make sure that children's seatbelts were fastened as they travelled to Barrington primary school in Shepreth, then sent buses without belts. Cambridgeshire County Council said the su-pervisors had other duties.

Murder charge

A man aged 19 has been charged with the murder of Keith Weller, 58, who was found dead at his home in Bridport, Dorset, on Thursday. The man, from Chelmsford, Essex, is due to appear before magistrates at Wey-mouth, Dorset, today.

Search called off

The search for a missing fisherman off the northeast coast has been called off. Jim Maidens, 51, of Saltburn-by-the-Sea. Redcar, had been fishing with a colleague in a 20ft open boat about 50 yards out to sea when the boat capsized.

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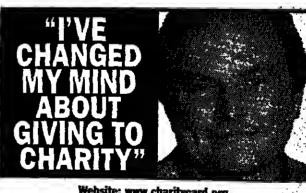
Sickness and other forms of absence cost firms £11 billion last year, with public sector workers taking the most time off, a survey for the Confedera-tion of British Industry found. An estimated 197 million working days were lost through absence in 1997.

Vicar rejected

A woman vicar has lost her job after villagers complained that husband. The Rev Sheila Stevenson was about to be installed as vicar of five villages near Cambridge when objections were raised by Croxton parochial church council...

Sandbar rescue

Lifeboatmen rescued ; five. young men who were stranded by the rising tide after driving a car on to a sandbank' near Porthmadog in North Wales. A tractor was unable to reach the car, which was eventually covered by the sea and marked with a buoy.



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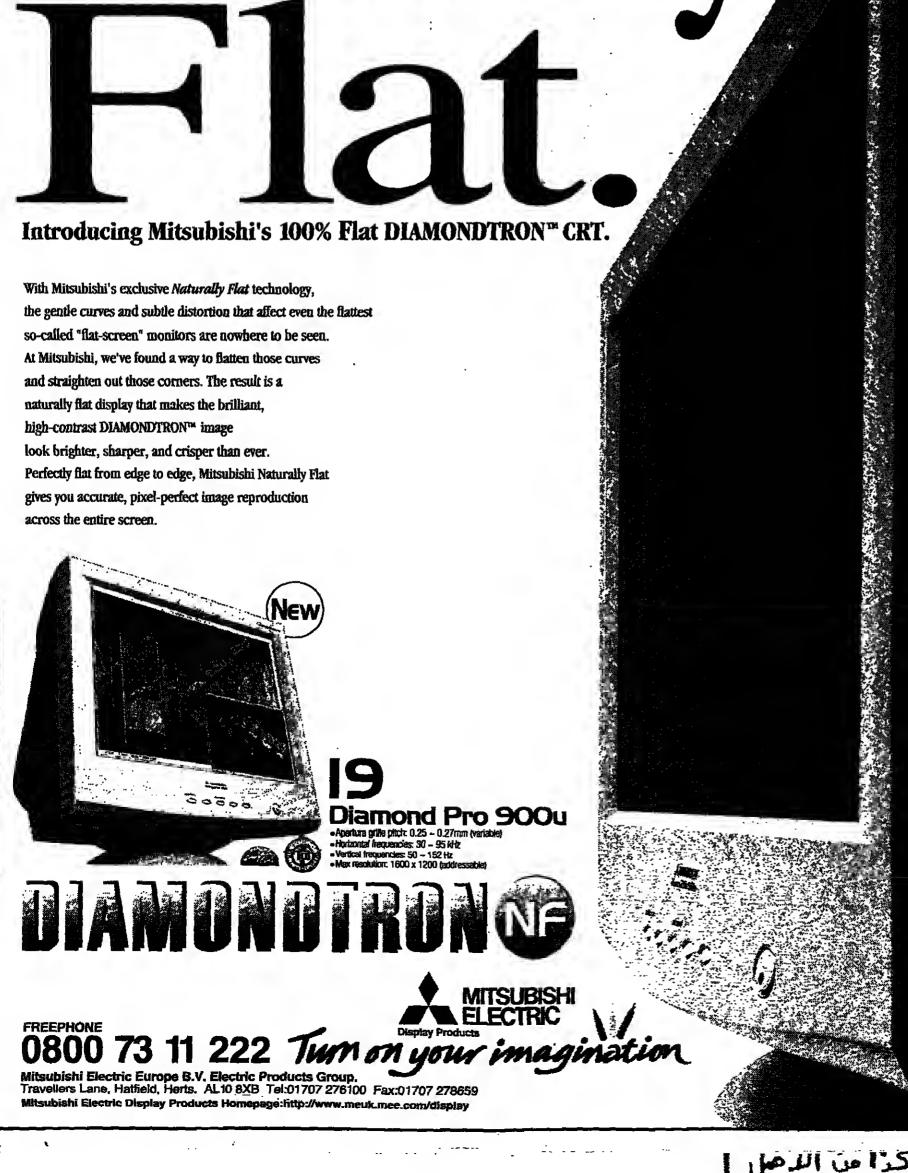
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Scholars find fresh clues to origin of writing

THE earliest writing system was developed in ancient Egypi not Mesopotamia, as scholars have traditionally asserted, according to new research.

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Vivian Davies, a leading scholar and keeper of Egyp-tian antiquities at the British Museum, said that what we would regard as full writing -a script enabling authors to express complex ideas - first appeared in Egypt.
"It was thought that the

earliest writing system was invented by the Sumerians in Mesopotamia towards the end of the fourth millennium BC and that the idea was borrowed by the Eygptians at the beginning of the First Dynas-ty, around 3100BC. However, recent discoveries at Abydos have shown that the Egyptians had an advanced system of writing even earlier than the Mesopolamians, some 150 years before, between 3000BC and 3350BC

He added: "We are not trying to be competitive with our Mesoporamian colleagues. But there is very early evidence from Egypt that developed writing originated

The findings emerged from a discovery made by a Ger-man expedition, headed by Gunter Dreyer, of the German Archaeological Institute. which revealed a dynasty of kings before the First Dynasty. Traditionally, the history of what is one of the world's greatest civilisations has been divided into 30 dynasties. But a new dynasty, which reigned in about 3250BC, and which has been named Dynasty 0,

On the left, the lightning bolt spells "grh", or darkness. On the right, the snake is "dj", which

with the mountain sign writes "djw", for mountain

Dalya Alberge on a claim that

Egypt, not Mesopotamia,

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has been found at Abydos. Archaeologists have discov-ered hieroglyphics there dat-ing from 150 years before the

First Dynasty.

Among them are 150 labels in ivory or bone which are thought to have been attached to bolts of linen. Carved into their surfaces are hieroglyphic signs that spell out phonetically the names of places from which goods such as wine jars originated. Mr Davies singled out one label in which a lightning bolt spells out the word for "grh", meaning darkness, and a snake denotes the letter "dj", which, with the mountain sign, writes "djw". the word for mountain.

Egyptian hieroglyphic writ-ing, which Mr Davies says is "one of the world's most beautiful scripts", consists of hundreds of different pictures of natural and man-made things. However, the script is not simply a primitive picture writing, but a sophisticated system capable of communicating complex information. The Egyptians had different types of signs: some stand for complete words, usually the object they represent, but most

Egypt's first capital. Commenting on the find-ings, Christopher Walker, a scholar of Mesopotantian an-tiquities at the British Museum. said: "We have no reason to quarrel over this. But we

tions of sounds, like the characters of our alphabet. For example, the reed leaf stands for the sound "i", the mouth for the sound "r", the mat for "p". Together these signs phonetically spell "irp", the word

In Mesopotamia the earliest forms of writing are an accounting system, simple lists of commodities and numerals, which took several hundred years to develop into a fully phonetic writing system. In Egypt, there is no such forerunner—the script appears in a fully developed form. From the beginning, it incorporated signs for sounds. Mr Davies added: "A paral-

lel for such a process is known AD1444 the Korean script, still regarded as one of the world's most efficient, was invented by order of the king. In Egypt, this invention corresponds with the birth of the Egyptian state and its growing administrative and bureaucratic needs. Some of the earlier uses of this writing system were to record the receipt of tax, and denote the origin of commodities and their production date. It was not until much later that surviving works of literature and historical records were composed, but the capacity to create such texts was

The theory is explored in Egypt, a book to be published on September 14 by the British Museum Press, and a fivepart television series to be shown in the new year. The book is co-written by Renée Friedman, director of an American expedition to Hierakonpolis, the site of

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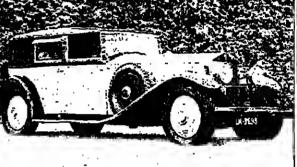
BY ALAN HAMILTON

FORGET about air-conditioning, turbochargers, elec-tric windows and CD players. There is no car accessory quite like a bed. Car restorers in Scotland

have been titivating a 1931 Rolls-Royce Phantom II Sedanca de Ville that was custom-built for Earl Mountbatten of Burma. It is the first they have seen where, at the gentle tug of a discreet handle, the rear seat transforms itself into a mattress capable of accommodating the earl's 6ft 2in frame.

Rumour suggests that Mountbatten had the car designed for purposes which might now be described as Clintonesque. Nine years into his marriage to Edwina, Mountbatten enjoyed the attentions of a group of mature women, including Yola Letellier, the wife of a French publishing tycoon. They were drawn to him by his good looks, royal connections, his wife's money - and perhaps







Mountbatten, the Phantom II Sedanca de Ville and Madame Letellier, who may have been attracted to both

ture of his sexuality, including suggestions of homosexuality and a preference for peeping through keyholes at his wife's dalliances with Jawaharlal Nehru, India's first Prime Minister. One unsubstantiated story is that the car, which cost £2,800 including its customised coachwork — was a peace offering from Lady Mountbatten after he discovered her habitual infidelities.

rest on long journeys. Doug

loved to look at the menu, but rarely ate the main course." Mountbatten sold the car in 1946. It rotted on a farm until bought in 1967 by its present owner, Ron Duguid, a Lincolnshire farmer, for £140. Mr Duguid restored it, showed it at rallies and occasionally lent it for weddings. It still bears its original number plate LM 3698. representing its original own-

telephone number. The car contains several unlikely to be seen on any unusually high, to compen-

ers initials and his Mayfair

sate for Mountbatten's considerable height. The front bumper is detachable, to save space when the car was loaded on ships. Strangest of all, the car's headlights swivel with the steering, supposedly enabling the driver to see round corners. It is the sort of gadget that might appear in an April Fool's day

Charlie Palmer, of Classic Restorations at Alyth, Perthshire, who has brought the car back to mint condition, like this before, and certainly not one with a bed in the back. The bed still works, but

advertisement.

disconnected as they are deemed to be dangerous." Mountbatten was a hairraising driver. In 1924 he drove another Rolls from Park Lane to Portsmouth Barracks in an hour and 32 minutes, long before the days of motorways or even of

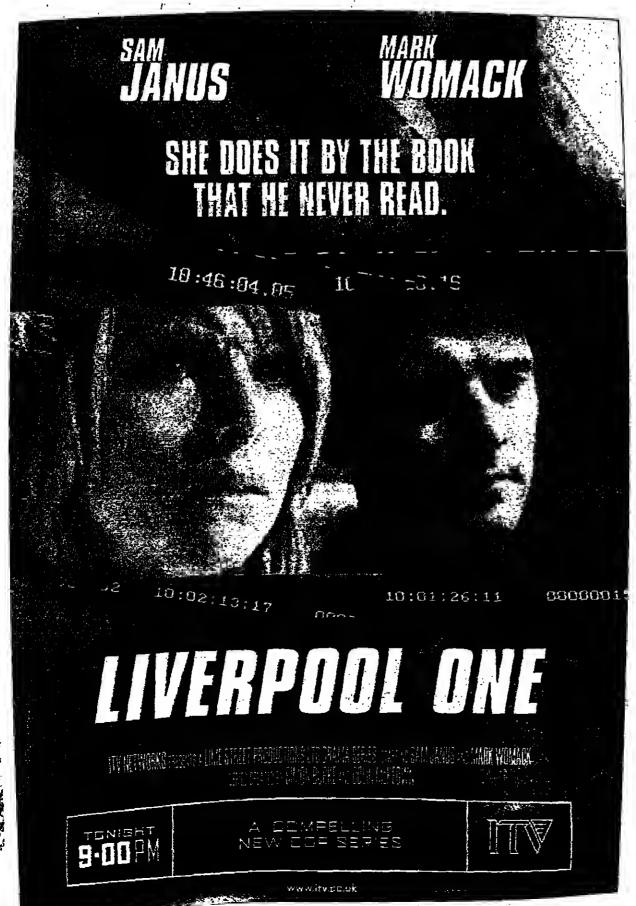
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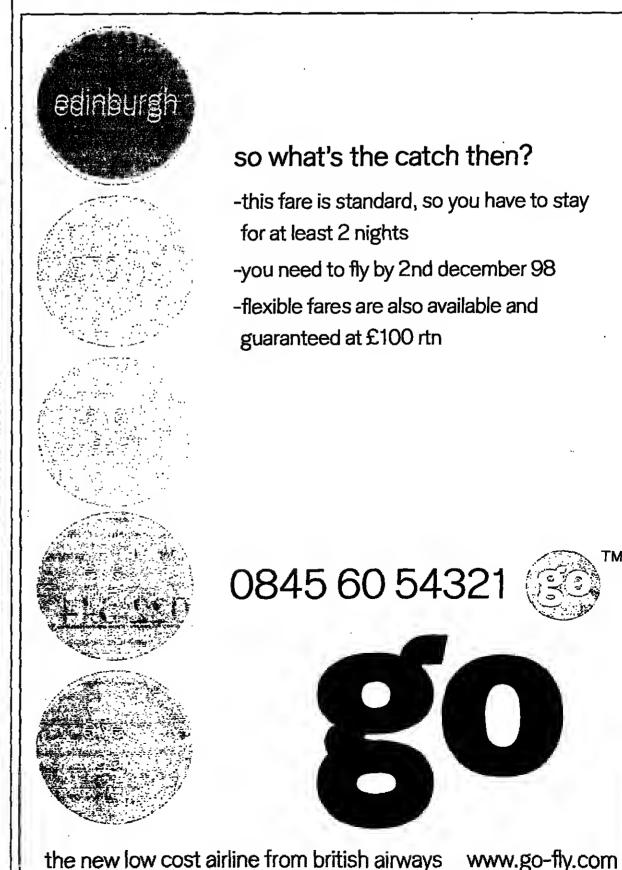
bonus on his insurance. Estimates of the car's worth vary from £75,000 to £100,000. In 1985 Mr Duguid entered it in an auction at Sothebys but it failed to reach its £75,000 reserve price.

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After 50 years' motoring he

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Hague dismisses 'sad' Heath's personal attack

WILLIAM HAGUE yesterday dismissed Sir Edward Heath as a sad and embittered old man as he claimed that young people shared his own scepti-

cal view of Europe.

The Tory leader criticised the most senior of his surviving predecessors after Sir party had lurched even further to the right under Mr Hague. In one of the former Prime Minister's loftiest rebukes to the new generation of Tory leaders, Sir Edward, 82, said that he would not join the party if he were a young man

Mr Hague, 45 years Sir Edward's junior and under fire from the Tory Left for his decision to call a snap ballot of party members on accepting the euro, immediately coldshouldered the elder statesman. He also cited a new opinion poll suggesting that the young were even more attached to keeping the pound

than their grandparents. Mr Hague said that he had received "terrific support" from John Major and BaronFormer PM says anti-euro stance

will split party, report Nicholas

Wood and **James Landale**

put his hostility to the European single currency to the test. "I am afraid that neither they nor I have benefited from that from Ted. I don't think he'll ever forgive any of us for leading the party after him." Mr Hague said on BBC television's Breakfast with

Sir Edward, whose memoirs were serialised in The Sunday Times yesterday, had never come to terms with being ousted nearly 25 years ago. Mr Hague said, "It's sad but it's true ... He is entitled to make his comments but we're moving on to further

in Nottingham to Conservative Future, the party's new youth wing, Mr Hague seized on an ICM poll to maintain that his Euroscepticism was in tune with the times.

According to the survey, 86 per cent of 15 to 24-year-olds believe a decision on joining a single currency should be delayed until it has been operating for a number of years. This compared with 75 per cent among those aged

Mr Hague said that Tony Blair claimed to be in touch with the young, regularly pronouncing on what was "cool". Yet he never bothered to ask them their views. This is a pity, because those people who voted at the last election for the first time and those who will become electors at the next are even more sceptical about the single currency than the population at large."

In his interview with The Sunday Times. Sir Edward gave a further reminder that its break-up into pro-Euro-pean and anti-European he has not mellowed with age. Mr Hague's organisational He said that Mr Hague had reforms were "wrong and damaging". Sir Edward never consulted him and that

whenever Mr Blair called a was putting the party in "great danger" because of the way he referendum on the single was leading it and a change in

Sir Edward has been branded "The Incredible Sulk" for the way he has upbraided his successors as Tory leader since he was ousted in 1974. Baroness Thatcher, an unashamed right-winger, was his prime target. But Mr also provoked his scorn.He has accused Lady Thatcher of lies, ignorance and small-mindedness, Mr Major of being unwise, and Mr Hague of being a tragedy for the party and a loser without hope or

experience. Donal Blaney, the chairman of Conservative Future, said that Mr Hague's policy of

youth wing. This helps ex-plode the myth that overwhelming numbers of the young support the rush towards a single currency." he Mr Hague last night faced

of the euro at the next election

was backed by members of the

fresh crincism from the Tory Left when Sir Leon Brittan, the

vice-president of the European

Commission and former Tory Cabinet minister, dismissed the ballot as a charade. Speaking on BBC Radio 4's The Westminster Hour, he said Mr Hague was assured of a spurious victory that would prove nothing. You won't be able to stop the argument running and I think that to attempt to do so is a mistake,"



Members of Conservative Future, the youth wing, welcoming Mr Hague yesterday. He told them that most young people were Eurosceptics

MPs' anger at £34m office facade

By JAMES LANDALE, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MPs in charge of the Palace of building. The bronze plates -Westminster were criticised by each 10cm thick and weighing their colleagues yesterday for up to three tonnes - are agreeing to spend £34 million on bronze cladding for the designed to protect the Derbyshire gritstone walls from erosion and help the building facade of a massive new parliamentary office block. to fit into its historic surroundings. They would also protect it from a bomb blast. The The new building opposite the clock tower, designed to accommodate about 200 MPs decision to use the bronze was

when it is completed in 2000. will cost the taxpayer about £240 million. But it emerged over the weekend that a special bronze and aluminium alloy - chemically treated to give the sevenstorey building an old appearance — will over walls

overlooking the Commons

and the Thames. It will be the

first time the expensive mate-It is very hard to justify such a rial, more commonly found in decision. engines and precision tools.

laken by MPs more than three years ago, although no one predicted the cost. Alan Williams, Labour MP for Swansea West and a member of the Public Accounts Committee, said: "! find this incredible. That kind of money can be spent on such a scale only if there is some

Paul Flynn, Labour MP for

unquestionable reason for it.

indefensible. There is no way you can justify expenditure on that scale. It is extraordinarily extravagant"

But Archy Kirkwood, Liberal Democrat MP for Rox-burgh and Berwickshire, who is a member of the House of Commons Commission, defended the move. "This is a site of national historic importance," he said. "You could not just put up a concrete block next to Big Ben. The bronze cladding will protect the building and keep it almost mainte-nance-free for its expected 90year lifetime."

Construction of the building, to be known as Portcullis House, was delayed until this year while a new Underground station for Westminster and a section of the neath. Sir Michael Hopkins, the architect responsible for the new-look Lords cricket ground and the Glyndebourne Opera House, began work in January and several storeys have now been built.

the voting system could lead to

Some 200 MPs will have two rooms each, one for them and one for an assistant. About £77 million has already been spent and the expected final total of £240 million is almost double initial projections.
Portcullis House will stand

four-square around a central courtyard, covered by an arched glass canopy over shops, cales and restaurants. A safe underground passage will allow MPs to leave their offices for a vote without having to cross a busy road or will be used to cover such a Newport West, said: "It is Jubilee line were built under- fight crowds of tourists.

Aitken to face court on perjury charges

BY NICHOLAS WOOD AND RICHARD FORD

THE disgraced former Cabinet Minister Jonathan Aitken will appear in court on perjury charges tomorrow in a move that could revive the spectre of Tory sleaze.

He will attend Bow Street Magistrates Court, Central London, in a criminal prosecution arising out of failed libel action two years ago that wrecked his ministerial career and cost him his Commons seat. Magistrates are likely to commit the case for trial at the Old Bailey later this year, prompting Conservative fears at the Ritz Hotel in Paris.



that the party will have to relive one of the most painful episodes to have dogged John Major's Government

The charges stem from Mr Aitken's unsuccessful libel ac-oon against The Guardian and Granada Television, when he sued over allegations that he allowed an Arab friend to pay his £1,000 bill for a stay

FO to advertise New York job By ROLAND WATSON, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

ONE of Britain's top diplomatic posts overseas is to be thrown open to the private sector in a move aimed at improving the country's stuffy image abroad.

The plum New York post, the Consul General in charge of trade and investment. whose job is second only to the Washington ambassador m the Foreign Office hierarchy, has until now been the preserve of senior career diplomats. But in the next formight the £90,000-a-year job will be advertised to all-comers. It is the first time such a role has

been opened up to non-civil servants. The decision was an need to face".

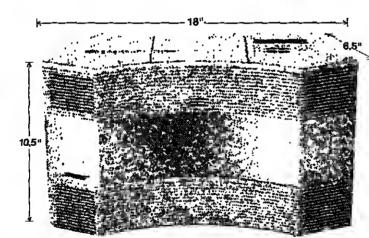
nounced by Derek Fatchett, the Foreign Office Minister, as he unveiled a range of propos-· als designed to "challenge the myths and prejudices that exist about Britain".

They have been drawn up by Panel 2000, the think-tank launched by Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, to help project an image of Britain as a vibrant country at the cut-ting edge of scientific, engineering and artistic development.

The body's consultation paper says it is time for an honest look at how other people see us" adding that there are "home truths that we

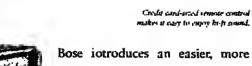
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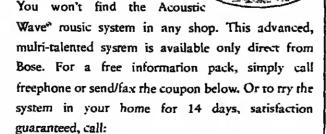
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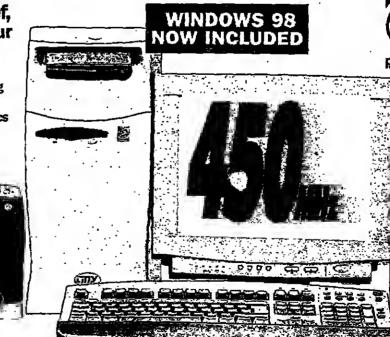
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How MI5 mistook spinsters for spies

Records reveal that wartime intelligence suspected 100 Britons of aiding the enemy, reports Valerie Elliott

MORE than a 100 Britons were suspected as traitors during the Second World War. according to an intelligence

dossier just released.
The file marked "British renegades" at the Public Record Office in Kew, south-west London, includes William Joyce, better known as Lord Haw-Haw, who was hanged for his Nazi propaganda broadcasts to Britain from Germany, and Norman Baillie-Stewart, the last traitor to be imprisoned at the Tower of London, who passed secrets to the Germans.

But mystery surrounds the activities and fates of many of those branded as traitors and sought by intelligence during

the war. The document, Nominol Roll of Renegade British Subjects, suggests that the extent of British collaboration with the Nazis was more widespread than had been

The file reveals that MI5 were wrong about some people. A few at least were able to clear their names and were later declared "no risk to security". Even most of those on the list were said not to be "out-and-out collaborationists" but those about whom there was "some suspicion to think they have collaborated with the enemy".

Among these were celebrat-ed English women, mostly spinsters, who settled in Tus-

cany and were devoted to Mussolini. Nicknamed the Scorpions because of their biting wit, their lives in northern Italy are the subject of a Franco Zeifirelli film. Tea with Mussolini, starring Judy Dench, Maggie Smith and Joan Plowright, to be released

next year... There were also well-bred young ladies such as Rosamond P. Shepherd, from Boars Hill, Oxford, who acted as a friend and chaperon to the daughters of Contessa Dal Pozzo.Although Miss Shepherd is named as a renegade in the MIS list, her own account of months on the run from the Germans and how she eventually worked for the

Allies as an interpreter provides an insight into how the security services sometimes got it wrong. In June 1940 she wrote to the

Royal Prefecture in Florence: "I am a fascist and also a great admirer of Italy and Italians ... Now, in case of war between Italy and England, I don't know to whom I must turn to ask what would happen to an independent English

person here in Italy?"
At first MIS reported that she was "openly anti-British". but by April 1945 had marked her file: "She professes pro-Fascist sympathies but is

Her personal account, handwritten in blue ink, ex-

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plains that ill-health prevented her from returning to Britain at the start of the war. She was interned in Cortona but in September 1942 was allowed to reside with the Dal Pozzo family at their country house in Treviso. The follow ing year, to escape the Germans, she fled to northern Italy and then back to Corto-

report daily to the police. She wrote: "On June 12th, 1944, on going to sign the register, I was warned by the Maresciallo [Marshall] to take to the hills to save my life. as the Germans were rounding up all the internees, foreigners and Jews, shooting some, and taking the rest to

prison camps in Germany. From June 18 until July 3 [when the Allies arrived] stayed hiding in the hills, being hunted by the Germans, sleeping in the woods and fields and narrowly escaping

MI5 lists of suspects were circulated to army bases in Europe. Top of one list was Major James Barnes, alias James Kennedy. MI5 noted he na, where she was required to was "notorious before the war as a propagandist for the Italian Fascist Party, of whom he was an honorary member". He had broadcast regularly from Italy and America and may have taken Italian nationality in 1940. Although he had been living near Florence. MIS believed he had moved to Germany with his Italianborn wife.

Another suspect was Edith Waring, born in London in 1897. An intelligence report read: "Resident many years in Italy. Since 1933, leading Brit-ish fascist. Employed by Italian Propaganda Ministry." has been granted £2.6 million by the Heritage Lottery Fund help to put on microfilm 33,000 boxes of First World War servicemen's records damaged by fire and water in



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Extracts from Rosamond Shepherd's diary protesting her loyalty. She had been working in Italy as a chaperon when war broke out

Royal soldier who had no stomach for active service

By VALERIE ELLIOTT WHITEHALL EDITOR

THE first Marquess of Cambridge, brother-in-law to George V, was known in his lifetime as a soldier-prince, but papers disclosed by the Public Record Office throw doubt on a glorious military

The former Prince Adolphus of Teck, who was a personal aide-de-camp to the King and a godson of Queen Victoria, appeared to spend



Lord Cambridge: had frequent attacks of pain

the First World War facing a series of Army medical boards to request sick leave. His persistent bouts of illness conflict with the eulogies written about him after his death, which suggested he had "devoted himself to the steady and efficient perfor-mance of his military duties".

His ill-health appeared to begin in 1914 while he was on active service in Flanders as a lieutenant-colonel with the 1st Life Guards. He "was seized with vomiting and pain and had to return home." For nearly two years his own

staff subjected him to various examinations and he was

considered unfit for service. In February 1915 he went to the south of France to recuperate. His doctor then advised that he could take up a desk job and he became an assistant military secretary at the War Office. But he continued to suffer abdominal pains and

mystify the medical boards. In June 1916 he was made military secretary to the Com-mander-in-Chief at the General Army HQ in France, with the rank of brigadier-general. But within weeks an official report read: "Up to a fortnight ago he was able to perform his duties as Military Secretary, though never very well

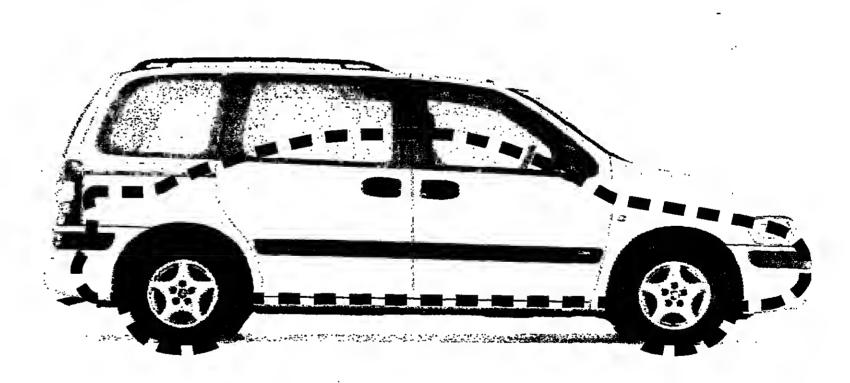
attacks of pain."

An obituary in The Times told a different version: "His desire for more active service was gratified by his appointment as Military Secretary .. It was indeed a common

matter of remark that he preferred the hard work of the regiment to any of those less arduous staff appointments." But by the autumn of 1916

he had taken so much sick leave that he was put on halfpay during further absences. At 51, he retired and asked to commute his pension to a lump sum, writing: "I am in rather a fix as I looked to the £2,000 to help pay for a small place I have just bought. In fact I have had to borrow the

money from the bank." He was allowed to commute only a part of it. Sir Reginald Brade at the War Office, noted: "After all, the monarch would not allow him to starve and disgrace us by begging in the streets."





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New rural rail stations face inquiry after local protests

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

PIONEERING moves to build a string of rural railway stations to relieve traffic con-The plan has pitted neighbour against neighbour and Wargestion on motorways and in wickshire County Council, town centres have been put on which has proposed the scheme, against Warwick Dishold by John Prescott.

Train companies want to build "parkway" stations, some with parking for 1,500 cars, to cope with rising num-The inquiry, to be held next month, is seen as a crucial test of the Government's commitbers of passengers commuting ment to expanding public from country areas. The parktransport, even in the face of ways would be built close to opposition from the rural commotorway junctions, possibly munity. Further plans include in green belt areas, to encourage motorists to use the train

for long journeys.

But Mr Prescott, the Secre-

tary of State for Transport, is

worried about the environ-

mental effects of the new wave

of stations. He has called a

public inquiry into one of the

first plans, creating a new station close to a Warwick-

Proposals for a station close

to Hampton Magna. near

Warwick, have been widely

supported but have drawn

fierce opposition from several

hundred residents who fear

that village life will be ruined

shire village.

by a huge rise in local traffic. a new station in the Oxford- are being considered for parkshire village of Aston Rowant, in the shadow of the Chiltern hills and close to the M40.

Another proposal, to build a parkway station on green belt land close to the M25, in Hertfordshire, is expected to be the most hotly contested scheme, and planners will be looking closely at the public inquiry decision before deciding whether to go ahead with the scheme. Other sites that

in rural areas, will prompt a flurry of similar schemes in way stations are outside Edingreen belt areas. He believes burgh. Doncaster, at junction 24 on the MI in the East that the issues should be aired Midlands, and Marks Tey. at a public inquiry. near Colchester in Essex. A

The Hampton Magna plan. parkway station is also which would include parking planned at Luthn airport, close for 450 cars, is expected to be a test case and senior railway Mr Prescott is understood to figures believe that Mr Presbe disturbed by suggestions from his environment officials cott will use the scheme to draw up ground rules for future schemes. that such plans, which could

Chiltern Railways is behind the plan, which follows 30 per cent increases in the number of passengers on its services from Birmingham to London. Alex Turner, Chiltern's marketing director, said: "This really is a huge benefit to the area and we simply want to get on with it."

Robert Butler, a parish councillor leading the campaign against the station, said: There simply isn't the demand locally and they can only make it work by creating demand from other areas such as Redditch and Bromsgrove. It will create dreadful traffic problems on country roads."



Joe Long with 18-month-old Holly Lang, rescued from her smoke-filled home

COMPLAINTS CONTINUE TO RISE

The number of complaints services provided hy the privatised rail operators is continuing to rise as their performance drops, according to figures published yesterday (Richard Ford writes).

Complaints to the key national passenger watchdog organisation rose by 32 per cent for the three months to June this year compared with

the same period last year. The number of complaints

tees fear they will be unable to cope. "We are reaching the point where we are in serious danger of letting passengers down ourselves," David Bertram, chairman of the Central Rail Users' Consultative Com-

mittee, said. The major criticism against the privatised rail firms was over the punctuality of the services, while the number of complaints about the acc-

uracy of the telephone enquiry service rose by 152 per cent. Punctuality worsened on 48 of the 64 routes run by the 25 train operating companies in the 12 months to the end of June this year and 25 routes failed to meet punctuality targets for the same period.

generate additional car traffic

Richard Branson's Virgin West Coast main line service was bottom of the punctuality table after running only 71.3 per cent of trains on time against a target of 90 per cent.

Boy, 11, saves toddler from burning house

By A CORRESPONDENT

A SCHOOLBOY was hailed as a hero yesterday for rescuing a baby girl from a burning

Joe Loog. II, calmly crawled along a plastic roof to climb through an upstairs window at a neighbour's house to rescue 18-month-old Holly Lang after her distressed mother had locked herself out

of the smoke-filled house. He searched each room before finding Holly downstairs sucking her thumb as she watched television. Joe reassured her before picking her up and walking out of the burning house. Firemen and paramedics praised his

Joe said: The only thing on my mind was getting the baby

He heard Holly's mother.-Claire, cry for help after she locked herself out of the house n Torquay. Devon, as her

chip pan caught fire. She tried to break a toughened glass window with a shovel hut could not get into the house, which has security locks oo the main doors.

Joe climbed over a wall and ran to get help after Claire told him what had happened. He knocked on a neighbour's door and told them to call the fire brigade before running up the road to ask a garage boss, Pete Sherwood, to lift him onto the plastic roof so he could get in to the house through an open upstairs window.

Joe said: "I was aware that the plastic corrugated roof would not take my weight. So instead of standing on it ! crawled along it to get to the window. There was quite a bit of smoke about T wasn't scared for me even though I could have fallen through. "I found the baby and

introduced myself so that she would not be scared."

Joe said when he is older he

would like to be a fireman or a policeman. John Davis, a local council-lor, said: "He is definitely a little hero. I think he should

get a medal." Claire, a mother of two, was yesterday safely back in her home with Holly who needed some oxygen after breathing

in smoke. Two years ago Joe came face-to-face with an intruder wearing a ski mask who snatched his mother's hand-

bag from their house. Joe screamed loudly and police were called. arrested the burglar.



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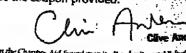
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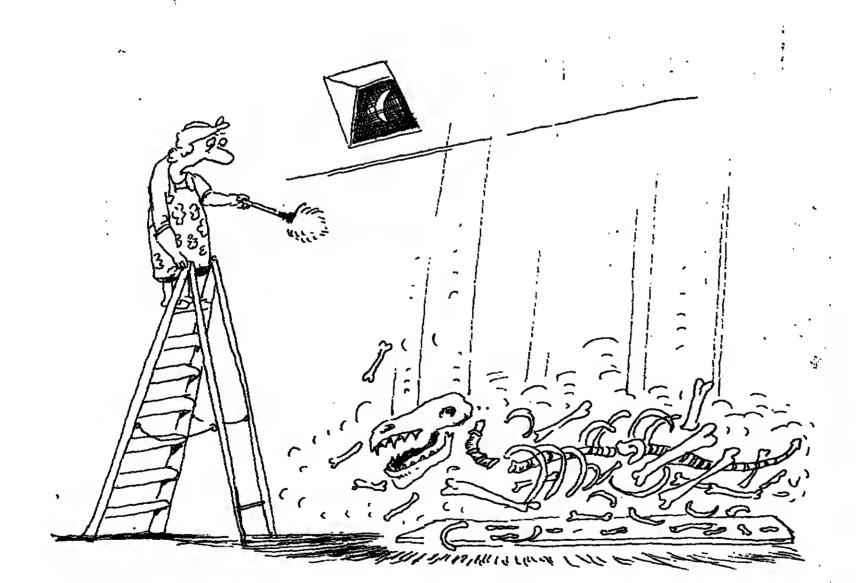


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Rioters force Tirana leader to flee

The murder of an opposition leader has thrown Albania into turmoil

once again, writes Tom Walker

CROWDS, angry at the assassination of an opposition lead-er, stormed Albania's main government building yester-day, setting it alight and forcing Fatos Nano, the Prime

Minister, and his Cabinet to flee through a back exit. Rioters seeking vengeance took to the streets of Tirana, the capital, after gunmen killed Azem Hajdari, a close political associate and friend of Sali Berisha, the former President. One protester was

killed and four guards were wounded while defending Mr Nano's office, the police said. The crackle of gunfire and explosions from burning government cars echoed through the streets of this unstable former Communist capital. Elsewhere, witnesses said. armed crowds of opposition supporters blockaded the main road near Kavaja, about

18 miles southwest of Tirana. Dr Berisha warned Mr Nano, his socialist rival, to resign within 24 hours or face a popular uprising against his Government. Whether the unrest develops into a revolution depends on how much support Dr Berisha can muster.

Tirana's central Martyrs' Boulevard and surrounding streets were largely deserted and calm yesterday afternoon. but Dr Berisha's loyalists were planning an all-night vigil for Mr Hajdari, to be followed by a funcral today. Dr Berisha said he hoped that at least 100,000 mourners would come. Contacted by telephone.

cannot guarantee security and if he does not step down, there will be dramatic events."

His voice choked as he referred to Mr Hajdari as "a symbol to everyone and an independent man".

Many of Dr Berisha's Democratic Party faithful were equally shocked by Mr Hajdari's bloody end on Saturday night, when he and one of his bodyguards were shot a few yards from party headquar-ters. "Kill, kill, kill Falos Nano." they shouted in the streets yesterday.

Mr Nano's response — a \$100,000 reward for information leading to the capture of the killers - was not enough and his Cabinet meeting soon faced the wrath of the mob.

Cars were smashed and set alight, then the ground floor offices of the government building were ransacked and put to the torch. Amid the pandemonium of gunfire, exploding petrol tanks and dense black smoke, Mr Nano and his colleagues hurried away through a fire escape. Order was restored only after special police had fired volleys of shots into the air.

Dr Berisha blamed the as-

sassination on Mr Nano. "It is known who did it. We have witnesses, we know every-thing about it." The killers, he said, were a police clique promoted to the top ranks of the security services by the

There is little love lost between the two politicians, he said: "For the good of the nation I ask him to resign. I who have dominated Albanian politics since the death of dari, who was then a student is now a conduit for men and dari, who was then a student arms to the Kosovo Liberation



Cars burn yesterday outside Tirana's government building. People protesting against an opposition leader's murder also set the building alight

Enver Hoxha and the collapse of his Marxist-Leninist state a decade ago. Dr Berisha accuses Mr Nano of having maintained his links with the communist past; Mr Nano says he was unjustly jailed by Dr Berisha after his first socialist Government fell in

leader. Eleven months ago Mr Hajdari was shot by a socialist deputy in the national parliament and shortly afterwards a motorcade in which he was travelling was hit by more than 150 bullets. He and Dr Berisha came from the same northern town, Tropoje, which is now a conduit for men and

Army fighting for independence from Serbia. Dr Berisha denied that

there was any link between the unrest spreading through Albania and the war in Kosovo. "This country needs a political solution." he said. "We no longer need Mr Nano, who is just a manipulator."

with resignation, "People here are too tired for another revolution." one European Union official said, "When Berisha talks of a crowd of

30,000, there is usually a crowd of 3,000. I don't think he has much support." He said Albania's main problem was, as ever, the rule of well-

clique faces poll defeat BOSNIANS voted at the

Karadzic

weekend in their second gen-eral election since the 1995 Dayton Peace Accord (Tom Walker writes).

Unlike previous polls, there was little trouble, and diplomats hoped the new mood of acceptance might diminish the hold of nationalists, especially in Repub-lika Srpska, where the clique surrounding Radovan Karadgic faces oblivion.

The main problem was a computer failure that affected many polling stations. Rain added to the chaos, but at least 35 per cent of the 2.5 million electorate had voted by Saturday evening, which left observers confident of a high turnout. First results are expected by Wednesday.

Israel to keep Hamas dead 'for barter'

FROM ROSS DUNN IN JERUSALEM

WITH the Palestinian territories already aflame after three days of violence, Israel yesterday took the provocative step of refusing to hand over the bodies of two Hamas leaders killed by soldiers.

The killings sparked wide-spread riots and demonstrations by Palestinians in the West Bank against Israeli troops, but Israeli military commanders said they would keep the corpses of brothers lmad and Adel Awadallah as bargaining chips for future

negotiations with Hamas. The leaders of the militant Islamic group are already vowing to "drench Israel in blood over the killings. Both brothers belonged to the military wing of Hamas and were on the most-wanted list of terrorists. They had been sought in connection with a series of suicide bombings in Jerusalem last year.

Brigadier-General Yitzhak Eitan. Commander of the Israeli defence forces in the West Bank, said: "Currently there is no intention of handing over the bodies and the issue is being dealt with at the highest levels." Another military commander, who did not wish to be named, said that he wanted to keep the bodies for future negotiations with Hamas. "We are talking about a bargaining chip of value," he said.

Members of the Palestinian Legislative Council have appealed for the return of the bodies and for their father to be allowed to identify his sons.

Israeli security forces were

on high alert and announced that a closure of the territories would remain for at least another ten days, until the end of Jewish religious holidays.

Casino snub: Claudia Schiffer, the German supermodel, has cancelled plans to attend the opening tomorrow of the first casino under Pales

was influenced by threats

from militant Islamic groups

opposed to the new casino. in

the West Bank town of Jericho.

Serbs force Albanian refugees back to a shattered land al, an independent American-based aid organisation working in Kosovo, the zone nevertheless presented a Kosovo Liberation Army resistance was isolated and ineffective. glimpse of the apocalypse. Dense

FROM ANTHONY LOYD IN ISTINIC, KOSOVO

MORE than 50,000 ethnic Albanians abandoned their homes in Kosovo last week after a huge Serb offensive laid waste a swath of territory in the west of the province.

This latest internal exodus brings more than 400,000, nearly a quarter of Kosovo's population. Montenegro closed its borders to Kosovo on Saturday and yesterday deported

In June Mercy Corps Internation-

listed 149,617 people as displaced. Three months after the US and its allies threatened President Milosevic of Yugoslavia with Nato airstrikes, this number has rocketed to 411,769, while the potential of foreign intervention has all but faded.

Serb armoured columns rampaged through a triangle of rural land between the towns of Pec, Dakovica and Klina destroying village after

Though there was little fighting,

smoke poured into the sky, minarets emerging like rare blooms. Columns of tanks, armoured personnel carriers and vehicle-mounted anti-aircraft guns swept out of the shattered ruins eastwards.

Behind them, scarcely a single Ibanian remained. Dead dogs and livestock littered the fields; smashed cars and tractors lay overturned on the verges of empty roads; bandanaclad police looted and burnt whatever the shelling and shooting had left

most of the separatist rebels preferring to abandon their weapons and

Early in the week, the Serbs had found their justification for this punitive excess just outside the village of Glodane. Here, in a muddy murdered Serb civilians. By Sunday. the Serbs had found 19 more.

The people responsible for this crime may or may not have been among the terrified refugees who crowded into Istinic, just beyond Decane. Some 50,000 people from more than 40 villages — sick, hungry and many wounded — had by last Thursday clustered in and around the village.

On Saturday the authorities decided to disperse the refugees back into the zone of destruction from which they had escaped. Armoured personcarriers corralled the jumble of tractors and carts loaded with refugees while police with sticks gave added encouragment to anyone who missed the message from the

bullhorns. By nightfall, Istinic was empty.

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Prince Abdullah: tour to consolidate role

Saudi prince to meet Blair

By Michael Binyon DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

THE de facto ruler of Britain's most important Arab trading partner will begin two days of top-level talks in this country today. Crown Prince Abdullah bin Abdulaziz of Saudi Arabia, the half-brother of the ailing King Fahd, arrived in Britain yesterday at the start of a month-long tour of Europe, America and Asia, which will consolidate his position as the effective ruler of the world's largest oil producer.

Today he will have talks in Downing Street with Tony Blair that will focus on the threat to world economic stability, terrorism and the Middle East peace process and the important trade links between Britain and Saudi

Arabia. After his half-brother's stroke two years ago Prince Abdullah, 74, assumed the powers of regent, but King Fahd reclaimed the throne six months later. However, the King, who suffers from circulatory prob-lems, increasingly has left the day-to-day govern-ment of Saudi Arabia to Prince Abdullah, who is First Deputy Prime Minister.

Kohl learns to love Bavarians

THE flagging fortunes of Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, were yesterday given a boost from conservative Bavarian voters.

The ruling Christian Social Union (CSU) secured, on the basis of exit polls, a thumping absolute majority of 52 per cent in the regional elections. This will give heart to Herr Kohl's increasingly anxious supporters. The opposition Social Decmocrats foundered and were lucky to keep their vote stable at around 30 per

With two weeks to go before the general election, the Chancellor lags at least five percentage points behind the Social Democrats. He has been looking for the psychological turning point in the campaign, the moment when the nerve of the voters breaks and they decide they cannot stand the risk of life without Herr Kohl.

The Bavarian CSU is an ally not only of the Christian Democrats but also of Herr Kohl. The CSU does not think much of Wolfgang Schäuble, the Chancellor's crown prince. It fears anyone plotting a grand coalition with the Social Democrats because then the CSU could become superfluous. It fears most of all a crackup of Christian Democracy, with Herr Kohl's Christian Democratic Union lurching leftwards and discarding its Bavarian sister. That is why Bavarians voted yesterday not only on local issues, the most important of which was the efficient management of the vigorous Bavarian laptopand-Lederhosen economy, but also on the future of Germany.

Bavarians want Herr Kohl to stay until the terms of his succession have been decided. After yesterday's vote, three conservatives have become pivotal in the management of the post-Kohl era: Herr **INSIDE GERMANY**



BY ROGER BOYES

Schäuble, Volker Rühe, the Defence Minister, and Edmund Stoiber, the Bavarian prime minister. They are the corners of the triangle of modern German conserva-tism: Herr Schäuble, a moderniser impatient with sluggish Rhineland capitalism: Herr Rühe, a north German Protestant pragmatist; and Herr Stoiber, a Euro-sceptical parochialist who speaks to the

Catholic heartland. Herr Kohl's position may well improve as a result of the Bavarian election. But Herr Stoiber's prospects of succeed-ing Herr Kohl as Chancellor, fulfiling Franz Joseph Strauss frustrated dream of a Germany led from Bavaria. have also improved. Until Strauss's death, Herr Kohl

Greens urged to withdraw MEP

Bonn: Germany's Greens faced pressure yesterday to withdraw Daniel Cohn-Bendit, a former leftist radical, from his seat in the European Parliament. He has admitted that for years he channeled money to Hans-Joachim Klein, a leftwing terrorist suspect, who was arrested last week after 22 years on the run. (AP)

had to fend off the Bavarian challenge.

In an interview last week, Herr Kohl recalled what he said was the only time he broke the law. Herr Strauss had collected him from Munich airport and they were speeding down the autobahn when the vehicle ran out of petrol Herr Strauss went off with a can in search of a petrol station. When he returned, he was on the other side of the autobahn, Herr Kohl ran illegally over the motorway to help the stout Bavarian over the crash barrier. The minor episode has a political point the men were rivals, yet they helped and depended on each

Herr Kohl swept aside doubts about the Eurofighter. ensuring jobs in Bavarian industry. Despite Herr Stoibers tactical scepticism about the euro, Bavaria, with companies such as BMW and Siemens, has most to gain from the new currency. So Herr Stoiber barely raises a squeak nowadays against the euro's introduction.

However, he does complain about Brussels interference in daily life. So does the preelection Chancellor. Herr Stoiber and Herr Kohl want a European budget rebate. The German presidency of the European Union, which begins in January, will be steered by Munich. In this sense Germany is

already being run from Bavaria: Herr Kohl and Herr Stoiber, once at opposite ends of the European debate, now agree on almost everything. Herr Stoiber is a rare surviving specimen of that dying breed: a successful Christian Democratic leader with strong Christian values. And the Chancellor, in the final sprint to the general election, is learning to love the Bavarians.



A woman in traditional Bavarian dress casts her vote yesterday at Bayrischzell

Moscow will not abandon reform process

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FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

RUSS IA sought desperately to ease growing concerns at the weekend that the new Government of Yevgeni Primakov will abandon reforms and move closer to a Soviet-style

command economy.

Relief last week that parliament and President Yeltsin had finally agreed on a com-promise candidate for Prime Minister turned to fear yesterday that none of the young reformers who have helped to shape Russia's transformation to the free market will have Cabinet posts.

On Saturday, Mr Yeltsin assured President Clinton that Russia would remain on a reformist course, despite-the fact that nearly all the newly-appointed ministers were retirement-age former Soviet officials. The Kremlin said the Russian leader had stressed. the "lack of an alternative to market-orientated policies".

For his part, Mr Primakov tried to assure jittery investors in Russia, many of whom lost hundreds of millions of pounds when Moscow defaulted on its debts and devalued the rouble, that the country would pay off all its creditors. "Russia is not the kind of country that will declare itself bankrupt and it will never become this," he said at a meeting with media

executives. have given a warning that Mr Primakov may not be able to find a compromise to Russia's;

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serious economic problems. The situation calls for an unambiguous choice of economic course," said the Russky Telegraf newspaper. The payments crisis and collapse of the banking system, instability of the rouble, possible shortages of goods and regional separatism mean the Government must take quick

Treasure map' leads police to Italian fraudster's hidden bullion

FROM RICHARD OWEN

LICIO GELLI, the convicted fraudster and political éminence grise arrested in the South of France last week after fleeing from Italy, had hidden more than 300lb of gold

ingots in giant terracotta flower pots at his villa before absconding. Italian police said yesterday.

The gold bars, worth about El million, were buried in pots on the terrace of the villa near Arezzo in Tuscany. Police had searched the property 35 times without finding

them, but French officers searching the Cannes apartment where Gelli had taken refuge found a "treasure

map" showing their location.

Gelli, 79, was convicted of heading the illegal P2 masonic lodge, which in the postwar years operated as a parallel power. He escaped to Swit-

zerland after the collapse in 1981 of the debt-ridden Banco Ambrosiano. Italy's largest private bank, but was later extradited and sentenced to 12 years in jail for fraud. with a further three years for P2 membership. He vanished four months ago while on

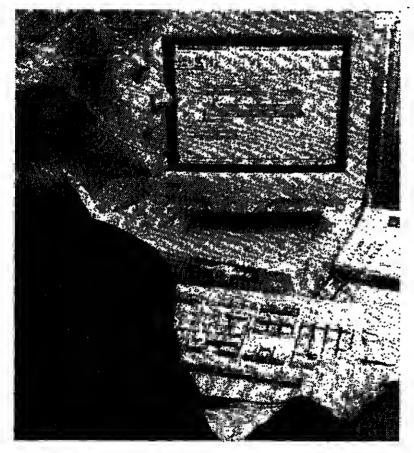
La Repubblica said the ingots may be stolen Yugoslav Treasury gold.

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Zimbabwe forced to reduce land seizure

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Harare: The Zimbabwe Government, under pressure from Western countries, has agreed to slash its plans for a \$1.9 billion (£1.13 billion) land reform programme (Jan Raath writes). The move effectively repudiates President Mugabe's threats of a mass-seizure of white-owned farms.

An international appeal for Western governments and donor agencies to pay \$1.2 billion of the cost of confiscating 1,470 commercial farms, covering 12.5 million acres, and of resettling 150,000 black families, ended at the weekend with only tentative agreement to support a two-year pilot programme. This restricts the Government to using 118 farms which it has already been offered. farms which it has already been offered.

Briton attacked in Turin

Rome: An English writer and translator is in a coma in a Turin hospital after being attacked in the street (Richard Owen writes). Malcolm Skey, 54, who came to Italy from West Coker near Yeovil in Somerset in 1971, was found early on Saturday lying un the ground in the Porta Palazzo area with his skull shanered. Police said he appeared to have been struck from behind with a blunt instrument, but there were no signs that he had been robbed. La Stampa said Mr Skey was regarded as "something of an eccentric Bohemian" and admired as "an unfailingly courteous and kindly man of culture, refinement and wit".

Greeks visit Turkish Cyprus

Nicosia: More than 1,200 Greek Cypriots, some in wheelchairs, made a third emotional pilgrimage in 13 months to the remote Greek Orthodox Apostolos Andreas Monastery in the Turkish Cypriot section of the divided island. Turkish Cypriot authorities said 1.274 people passed a United Nations-controlled checkpoint in Nicosia, the divided capital, without incident. The trip was one of a series of reciprocal goodwill gestures encouraged by the UN to improve relations on the island. (Reuters)

New software 'erases porn'

Bangkok: Software developed by a Thai activist group and a private company will erase child pornography from the Internet, the Foreign Ministry here said. A spokesman for the ministry, which is encouraging local Internet providers and users to install the program, said it worked like a virus scanner and was developed by End Child Prostitution in Asian Tourism and an unnamed German firm. (AP)



Soe of the 70,000 Iranian Revolutionary Guards who remain at the border with Afghanistan. They are to be joined by a further 200,000 troops in the next few days

Taleban advance raises war fears

FROMICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

FEARS a military confrontation between and Afghanistan grew last nig after Taleban militia reported captured Bamiyan, one of the las strongholds of Tehranbacked position forces in Afghanistan. Ira which accused Taleban of war crim, had earlier announced it was sense another 200,000 troops was seng another 200,000 troops to its boer with Afghanistan and declared its right to take "every approprie action" to defend its

Iran si its policy was defensive.

but Brigadier-General Abdolali of Iran. Tehran radio accused Paki-Pourshasb, the commander of Iran-stan of helping Taleban's siege of ian ground forces, said his troops would be ready to act against Taleban with "full power". Between 80.000 and 90,000 of the reinforcements had already taken up positions and the remainder were expected in the next few days, he said. They will join about 70,000 elite Revolutionary Guards, who were left at the border

after recent exercises.
"What Taleban are committing now in Afghanistan are outright war crimes, and international bodies should not remain inactive and silent about this," said President Khatami Bamiyan by sending its air force to bomb the city and its surroundings. Pakistan has repeatedly denied any involvement in the fighting.

Tehran at the weekend demanded that Taleban extradite those responsible for the deaths of nine Iranian diplomats. The Afghan militia admit-ted they were killed by its forces when it overran the opposition stronghold of Mazar-i-Sharif last month. The diplomats' bodies are due to be flown back to Iran today.

Tehran has also demanded the return of dozens more Iranian pris-

oners, but Taleban, which has so far refused to be intimidated by Tehran's muscle-flexing, insisted these would go home only as part of a prisoner exchange for hundreds of its fighters

it said were being held in Iran.
Iran, a predominantly Shia Muslim country, has been alarmed by the rapid series of recent military victories by the Sunni Muslim Taleban. It has no desire to live alongside an Afghanistan controlled by an ideological enemy it sees as a growing threat to its security, prestige and strategic interests.

Publicly, the crisis has helped to unite the feuding hardline and mod-

oppose Taleban. Mr Khatami and his radical opponents have advocated a cautious approach, but also insisted on Iran's right to avenge the diplomars' deaths and to protect Afghanistan's beleagured Shia minority. Bamiyan's fall, if confirmed, was

erate wings of the Iranian leadership,

with both sides agreed on the need to

likely to increase the pressure on Iran to intervene. The central Afghan city is home to 10,000 Shias, many of whom were said to have fled in recent days. Thousands of Shias were reported to have been massacred by Taleban when Mazar-i-Sharif was

Mandela fail to allay firns' fears

Johaon burg: President Mandel did little at the weekendto reassure companies sfering the effects of the bra drain of white emigrar taking the "chicken run" toscape South Africa (Sam ley writes). "Real South Aicans are being sort-

ed out, e said. A sucy published at the week*e*r disclosed that a most the quarters of skilled worker were considering leaving the country. Mr Mande's remarks were made the arrived to attend the Souern Africa Development Comunity Summit in Maurits and could not have come atworse time for firms falling currency. slower onomic growth and a high one rate.

"Inder some of the people have be frightened by the high levof crime, but we are coovince that real South Africansre being sorted out in the case of that process." PresiderMandela said.

Serial murder trial starts 13 years late

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

AN ALLEGED serial killer who went to school in North Yorkshire and has been linked to at least a dozen gruesome deaths in northern California goes on trial today after an

extraordinary 13-year delay. Charles Ng, a former US Marine and pupil at Bentham Grammar School, was charged in 1985 with 12 murders carried out in a cabin equipped with a concrete torture chamber. His stalling tactics have since generated six tons of paperwork and cost taxpayers about \$10 million (£6 million).

Mr Ng was 24 when arrested in Canada after an international manhunt trig-gered by the discovery of buried human remains and sickening video tapes near the cabin in Welseyville, a hamlet 50 miles east of Sacramento. He had been living there with an older man, Leonard Lake, who committed suicide with a cyanide pill after being

arrested for shoplifting the previous month.

The Police found manacles, handcuffs and videotapes shot through a two-way mirror. On one of the tapes Mr Ng can be heard, it is alleged, laughing and telling the victim, Brenda O'Connor: "You can cry and stuff like the rest of them, but

Jailed in Calgary, Mr Ng fought extradition for six years on the ground that Canada did not share or endorse the death penalty he would face in the United States. He used the time to study law and, al-though the Canadian Supreme Court ordered in 1991 that the extradition should go ahead, he delayed American efforts to bring him to trial for

another seven years. Mr Ng, who will defend himself, has one advantage. Last year San Francisco police destroyed blood and ballistics evidence, believing that the case had been closed. If your parcel does not get delivered, exactly as promised,

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I often wonder whether Iris is



In the first extract from his memoir of Iris Murdoch John Bayley reveals that his 'formidably learned' wife, who has Alzheimer's, is happiest watching a children's programme, and describes his struggle to cope with her erratic behaviour



John Bayley and his wife, Iris Murdoch, 79: "Her power of concentration

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lzheimer's sufferers are not always gen-tle: I know that. But Iris remains her old

self in many ways. The power of concentration has gone, along with the ability to form coherent sentences, and to remember where she is, or has been. She does not know that she has written 27 remarkable novels, as well as her books on philosophy: received honorary doctorates from the mejor universities; become a Dame of the British Empire. If an admirer or friend asks her to sign a copy of one of her novels, she looks at it with pleasure and surprise before laboriously writing her name and, if she can, theirs. "For Georgina Smith. For Dear Reggie . . ." It takes her some time, but the letters are still formed with care, and resemble, in a surreal wey, her old handwriting. She is always anxious to oblige. And the old gentleness remains.

Pondered such matters while making Iris her drink. Important to make a routine of this. Around 12 o'clock or e little before. The drink itself slightly dishonest: e little drop of white wine, a dash of angostura bitters, orangeade, a

good deal of water. tris likes it, and it has a soothing effect, making her sit watching television for longer periods. Otherwise she is apt to get up and stand with her back to the television, fiddling incessantly with her small objets trouvės – twigs and pebbles, bits of dirt, screps of silver foil, even dead worms rescued from the pavement on our short walks. She also puis water - sometimes her drink - on the potted plants by the window, which are now wilting under the treatment. But she never does this with a real drink, an alcoholic one. Sensible girl, her old fondness for bars still stands her in good

THE TELETUBBIES. They are part of the morning ritual, as I try to make it. I have to insist a bit, as Alzheimer's now seems to have grown inimical to routines. Perhaps we all know by instinct that an adopted routine preserves sanity.

The Teletubbies is one of the few things that we can really watch together, in the same spirit. "There ere the rabbits!" I say quite excitedly.

One of the charms of this extraordinary programme is the virtual reality landscape supplied. An area of sunlit grass - natural - dotted with artificial flowers beside which the

real rabbits hop about. The sky looks authentic as well, just the right sort of blue with small white clouds. The Teletubbies have their underground bouse, neatly roofed with grass. A periscope sticks out of it. A real baby's face eppears in the sky, at which I make a lace myself, but Iris always returns its beaming smile. Iris looks happy, even

concentrated. Something about Teletubbies reminds me of going to see the bluebells in Wytham Wood. Since living in Oxford and finding out about this amenity, we have been to see them every year. Coming on them if the sun is shining has something of the beautiful dubiousness of Teletubby land. Can they be real? Do they really exist? They live in e thick and distant part of the wood, under dark conifers that stretch eway downhill, and as

cape? What am I to do? Has nothing replaced the play of her mind when she was writing, cogitating, living in her mind? I find myself devoutly WHEN IRIS'S mother was taken to the mental hospital

nable. As the nurse took her away she looked back at us with a lost, unreproachful The same look on Iris's face when I manage to leave her

we did not tell her where she

was going. I had doped her

but the drive seemed intermi-

for an hour with a friend.

Like school. Being left there. Probably such moments would not be so painful now if they hadn't started all thoseyears ago at school, inside one's own ego.

I knew where I was going when I was taken to school. But being left there felt the



"The Telepubbies are part of the morning titual"

they recede into darkness they light up into their most intense colour. They vanish as if into a strange land where an endless dark blue lake begins. Close at hand they look much more ordinary. Greyish, purplish. We stand and look at them.

For the first time Iris seemed not to take them in et all. On the way there are real trees. Two gigantic sycamores. overpowering as a cathedrai. But Iris now has a great fear of trees and I hurry her past them. I thought this had better be the last time we go. And

that was last year. As we got in the car I said to her reassuringly: "Soon be back in Teletubby land." But I

don't think she remembered what Teletubbies were. I would quite like to be able to forget them myself. The sense of someone's mind. Only now an awareness of it; other minds are usu-

ally taken for granted. I won-

der sometimes if Iris is secret-

ly thinking: How can ! es-

same as the look on Iris's face, and her mother's. WHEN ARE we going?"

"I'll tell you when we go." Iris always responds to a jokey tone. But it is sometimes hard to maintain. Violent irritation possesses me and I shout out before I can stop myself: "Don't keep asking me when we are going!"

A short time ago, as it seems, this would have registered as a "tantrum", and the circuit would have visibly adjusted it-self and responded with that mixture of amusement and forbearance, complete understanding, which survived as an automatic but infinitely welcome response. A lot of women respond to snappish husbands in public, and no doubt in private, too, with what Milton, describing Eve, tellingly refers to as "sweet austere composure". The opposite of understanding. Eve was the first to rail her-

self off in sex disapproval. Iris never got cross herself

and never does now to when I did so in the pastre would soothe me by a parular sort of reassurance, imping that I was most lovable at close to her when I was bog angry.

silly or tiresome. Now her face jucrumples into tears. I hastero comfort her; she always apends to comfort. We kiss al embrace much more than vused to.

Often somethir that tris says now, or a wd she repeats, starts me f, too, on ome more or leadotty train of association. Tremember when her motherwith early Alzheimer's - nodiagnosed or labelled then -ised to repeat a word in e tohing way. as if it were a talisan or portent. If somebodyaid "journey" or "Baror, Court", where she lived, siwould go on repeating it sintervals, and the same if theords happened to be "shanc or "ham and cheese". Once amind attends to this involuary habit. it becomes a consus one. I become aware thathe word "learning" has be popping up at intervals inny mind,

and so play with it.ly.

When young, It was already formidebly lened, but I'm sure it never sloved. But does "learning" reige some sort of overt disp; like a bird's feathers, to low how important it still is should be? It would be been thought odd if Prin Minister Blair had proclaim his new Government's poli to have been "learning, learning, learning instead education, education, acation". Despite its competite nature, learning is ideally send in itself, and no government particularly wants to ficourage that, or to pay for either.

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Moving from state to stage How many are tre? How many will there bil used to dread her moment waking. because the situati seemed to strike her then ifull force. for a minute or tw Reassuring noises, so far possible, and then she wouldo back to sleep, and I woulcit beside her reading or ting. The sound of it seemed reassure her. Iris's greed forleep had something despera about it, and yet she sleptand still sleeps, so easily anco long in the morning that it is a great mutual comfort. Lyg beside me she is like an alete who has passed on the 1ch to a back-up member of e-relay. I couldn't do what shead done. but I was doing soutling.

THE AGONY of the now. Iris loved travelling at craves

IRIS: A MEMOIR

thinking: 'I want to escape'

it now nore compulsively than ever have always detest-ed the bisiness of leaving home, andwas so thankful in home, andwas so thankful in the old day to drive her to the starion andwave her goodbye. Now I have a fever of travel angst: tals, tickets, train-omes. Ir, never worried about all that. She used to ar-rive at the station like a Rusrive at thestation like a Russian peasant and wait for the first train parrive.

The work of both worlds, Although Irisis compulsively eager 10 be "going" — somewhere, anwhere — she is in as much a flap in her own way as I an. At the station she keeps, reporting "Why didney keeps repuring. "Why didn't you tell m we were going?" I had told her many times. Now I tell her again sharply, and with her orn degree of queru-lous repriitinn. People look round atus. I am fumbling with my vallet, checking the tickets. Tley are hard to sepa-rate, and after shuffling them wildly adin and again I can

soll find ply one return ricker.

I rush to the ticket office, where a creue unwinds in ser-pentine fishion between rope pennine isnion between rope barriers. My ticket man has gone off, the customer at the other guinet seems to want a round-theworld ticket, and to be in no herry about gering it. Iris clutchs me anxiously, urg-ing us to rin to a train that has just come h, the wrong train I hope. At let the ricket man is free. I projuce the receipt and delinquentickets. He can do nothing: i wasn't his sale, I turn away in despair, Why can't we jut go home?

Millingra

ris his not understood the roblem and keeps urging me towards the wrong train. At that moment a min comes up to us and holdsput a ticket. It is the original trket man himself. strangely laked and unrecog-nisable new he's not behind the counte. He doesn't explain what happened but gives me a collusive saile and walks rapidly back b his place of work. On the rain I keep counting the ticket! The elderly couple connecte box armouth with the connecte box are connected by the connected box are connected by the co

opposite bok sympathetically at Iris. Iam clearly the one who's beome a problem. Exhauted and drenched in too. And the whole thing so trivial. Azheimer's obviously has me firs grip, and the tick-et man, oo. As well as Iris,

and probbly everyone else. Does the carer involuntarily mimic de Alzheimer condition? I'mture I do.

KIND FRENDS up our street are givin a Sunday morning drinks paty, offering a welcome distriction. I say nothing about it thtil II. If I did, she would paic, demand why I hadn't toll her sooner. She does not estinguish now between whit she wants to do

and what | happening. 'Are weloing to London?" "No. justup the street. You'll know then when we get there. They're nic. You'll like it."

I know this is true, but it produces a "muser grimace" as 1 now call ith my mind. Every evening w have the battle of the trouser. She wants to go to bed in them, and everything clse she is learing, too. My resistance tothis is half-hearted. compared with the determinanion she nows on the issue. Sometime I win, more or less



Every year Bayley and Murdoch went to see the bluebells in Wytham Wood, near Oxford. But now Iris has "a great fear of trees"

dragging them off. Iris gives up the struggle, but produces a frightful grimace, an expression wholly new and different from anything her face ever did in the past. It unnerves me, and is becoming more fre-

quent in other situations. Not that I care about her trousers. Our habits have never been exactly hygienic; and yet distinguishing day from night seems vital to our saving routines. Twice in the day, at

STAY IN TOUCH . STAY IN POCKET

ten in the morning and five in the evening, panic and empo-ness descend, not because there is something we have to do but because there isn't. Routine has no suggestions to make. All I can do then is to promise the next thing soon. A

drink. Lunch, or supper. Iris's fear of other people if I'm not there is so piteous that I cannot bring myself to arrange for carers to "keep her company", or to take her to the

age-therapy unit. All that will have to come. Meanwhile, I am ruthless about getting her ready for the party, confident that she will enjoy it when she gets there, as they used to tell us in childhood.

She does. It is a nice party. I marvel, as I have often done before, at the way in which guests enjoy being guests. Standing opposite someone and keeping going, holding eye contact in the same pracd precarious way that one holds glass and canape. The extraordinary thing is that Iris can play her part just like the rest of us. Mustn't this be good therapy? I should like to think

so, but exercise in that sense would imply improvement, recovery. This happy dis-I want to traction can be only shout: 'It's

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for the moment. I close cautiously on the guest talking to Iris. He is dous impression of being good at his work, and happy at it. Half listening. I overhear a lively account of the way things are done in an insurance ad-

justment office. Smiling, Iris listens closely --her attention must be flattering. Then I hear her say: "What do you do?" From the face opposite her it is evident that the question has been repeated several omes in the past few minutes. Undiscouraged, he begins all over again.

Coming up to me the hostess says: "Isn't Iris wonder-ful?" She sounds surprised, perhaps thankful that there is no squeaking or gibbering going on. I am conscious of a base sense of annoyance, even exasperation. People who see Iris on such occasions assume there must be nothing much to. worry about. Suppose I were to say to our hostess "You should see how things are at home". Thank goodness one cannot, or does not, say things like that at parties.

When we get home I try in keep Iris interested in the party, saying how much people had liked seeing her. In retrospect the party does seem to have been a happy time. I am already looking back on it with nostalgia. But it is not remembered. Iris begins to say anxiously "When do we go?" I wonder how many times she asked the insurance man what it was that he did.

THEY SAY people with a strong sense of identity are the worst Alzheimer's parients. They cannot share with others what they still formulate inside themselves. Does Iris speak, inside herself, of what is happen-

ing? How can I know? What is left is the terrible ex-pectancy. "When?" and "I want ..." is she still saying inside herself, like the blind man in Faulkner's novel,

When are they going to let me out?" Escape. The word hovers, though she never utters it. Home is the worst place. As if something should

happen here inr her which never does. Anxiety pushing behind at every sec-ond. Picking up things, as if to ward it off. Holding them in her hands like words. Wild wish to shout in her ear: "tt's worse for me - much worse!"

This after the television breaks down. It is I who miss it more obviously than Iris does, but in its absence she becomes increasingly restless. The recommended sedative seems not to help.

When are they going to let

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WAYWARD ON THE BUS

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friend Audi in her little house in the middle of Lanzarote. Get-ting there is an ordeal, the charter flight packed to the doors with holidaymakers. Return a fortnight later. I

have a heavy cold and feel unnaturally tired, although Journey could not have been easier. On the bus for Oxford. Sink back thankfully. Nearly home. The few passengers are askep. But we have no sooner started than Iris is jumping op and down in agitation. Where are we going? Where is the bus taking us? She rushes to the front and looks out anxiously ahead. I manage

to get her sitting down. I say: "We're going back to Oxfurd. Back home." "No! No home. Why travelling like this? He doesn't know,"

Before I can stop her she is speaking agitatedly to the driv-er. She has caught hold uf a bag, which begins to spill things on the gangway. I pick them up,

push her into a seat opposite a sleeping woman. I apologise to the driver, who remains ominously silent.

When I get back the wom-an, a nice-looking person, is awake, and distraught, trying to regain the handbag and other possessions that had been on the seat beside her. I take them from Iris and put them back, apologising. Iris says, "So sor-ry", gives the woman a beauliful smile. I get Iris into a seat and give her a violent, surreptitious punch on the arm by which I am holding her.

and stares ahead. A feeling

of general distraction and unease eddies along the calm of the bus darkness. I can see faces alert and fixed resentfully. As we near Oxford I try to show things she might recognise, but the agitation gets worse. Clumsy escape from the

stares of the passengers. Open the door. Get inside the gate. The house feels deathly cold. t rush to the central heating switch. Then I come back and say in a cold. furious voice. You behaved disgracefully. I felt ashamed of you." She looks surprised, but then reassured, as if recalling an old cue. Leaving me to work out my nastiness as

if I were a child. "Well." she says. I've lost my What will voice, my chest hurts when I cough. After a few more ugly words I tell her I've probably got pneumonia. Hasn't she nooced I'm ill? She looks uncomprehending again. My appeal for sympathy leaves

her lost and be-

wildered. What will she do if I die? If I'm ill and have to go to hospital? What will she do then? Still exasperated by the bus business, I make these demands with increasing hostility and violence. I am furious to see my words are getting nowhere, and yet also relieved by this, so that I can continue to indulge my fury. She knows none of these things can or will happen. While I am quite coherently: "Let's go. still screaming she says, There now. Bed." We squeeze logether up the stairs, huddle under the She grips the seat in front nd stares ahead. A feeling morning I feel a lot better. cold duvet and clutch each

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If you have designer tastes but a tight budget, look no further than the high street, says Style Editor Grace Bradberry

hen Narciso Rodriguez covered Birkenstocks in cashmere for his last show, it was clear that luxury was taking on a new meaning in fashion. If these flat, functional Boston clogs were now the height of monied elegance, then the whole idea of deluxe

was clearly being redefined.

Dresses of spun-gold thread and jewel-encrusted bodices are fine at the Oscars, but the new way to wear one's wealth is discreetly. Few will know if your cashmere sweater is 24-ply, or if your leather skirt is as soft as butter but you will. Designers from Marc Jacobs to Nicole Farhi are wrapping practical and ultimately luxurious.

So what's a girl with designer tastes but a high street budget to do? Stay in the high street, where there are some more than passable imitations of the luxe took dominating the catwalks.

Cashmere, devoré, chenille, suede and leather are now common in massmarket stores, and the quality is getting better and better. Leathers and suedes have become softer, and it's no longer the case that Agnès b is the only acceptable source (though her leather

jackets are still to die for). As for cashmere, it's everywhere from M&S (this autumn's lilac fitted round-neck sweaters are star buys) to Benetton (look out for sage-green fitted V-necks), with Amanda Wakeley for

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Principles, Oasis, Jigsaw and even Richards getting in on the act.

More specifically, stores have paid close attention to particular designer styles. At Episode you can find soft suedes that certainly don't copy, but do echo, the Ralph Lauren look. Episode has also done chunky tie cardigans that grasp this season's "comfort blanket" aesthetic.

The Voyage look — jewel-coloured velvets and haute hippie cardies — has been ripped off by all and sundry. Some of the best examples of the velvettrimmed cardigan appear at Patsy Sed-don in soft shades of sage and claret. Emulating the kind of unfussy fluidi-

a little more ingenuity. The basic elements are simple, elegant knits, fluid trousers and structured but understated jackets in leathers or suedes. Hobbs. which has always been good at producing reasonably priced luxury, is now coming back into its own. These fluid. stretch-silk trousers are a real find. Don't dismiss Warehouse for leathers

some are surprisingly good quality. Other cunning buys this season in-clude a mohair hooded top by Top Shop and a "cashmillon" cardigan by Dorothy Perkins (it's acrylic but feels like cashmere) used here to create the luxury "street" look of Marc Jacobs.

But perhaps the star buy is Next's su-per long, tie-belt coat, which looks as if it might have come from Max Mara.





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Outing the gender benders

A major study is to investigate the effects of thousands of everyday chemicals on sexuality. Anjana Ahuja reports

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most perfect wilderness areas on Earth. Yet a study of the polar bears that inhabit the Arctic islands of Edgeoya and Hopen turned up some disturbing findings recently. Four per cent of the animals in these icy Norwegian outposts were hermaphrodites. In other words, they had both male and female sex or-

The figures were 100 high to be dismissed as chance - it would be like tossing a coin 20 times and getting a tail on each occasion. Scientists suspected that something in the environment was turning these graceful creatures into weird sexual hybrids. The secret lay in polar

bear fat, where scientists found high levels of polychlo-rinated hiphenol chemicals (PCBs), which are used to clean Russian nuclear submarines and are banned in many countries. Bepound can mimic hormones, it can disrupt normal sexual development.

A sinister trend that had previously been confined to fish, birds and reptiles had finally hit mammals.

The mountain of evidence against so-called "endocrine disruptors", nicknamed gender benders, which have also been implicated in declining human sperm counts, is about to prompt one of the biggest investigations undertaken so far into the chemicals that have become part of our daily lives. Next week, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in Washington will publish plans to test at least 15,000 chemicals used in almost every walk of life. All the main chemicals found in pesocides, plastics and detergents will be scrutinised. They include such everyday items as food packaging and washing powders. The long list of pollutants that creep into drinking water will be included, such as chlorinated hydrocarbons and effluent from chemical plants. The enormous project will be financed jointly by the American Government and the

chemical industry. "Evidence has been trickling out over the past few years that certain chemicals are capable of disrupting hormones." says Gary Timms, senior technical adviser at the EPA's Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances, "It was compelling enough

obody expected to find freaks of na-ture in one of the for us to think that there is a real problem. But these stud-ies tended to focus either on isolated chemicals, or just one class of compounds. This multimillion-dollar study is a huge undertaking because it will look at every chemical of importance in a systematic way.

That's what makes it unique." The nnly criterion for inclusion was that annual producnon of each candidate chemi-cal in the United States must exceed 10,000lb. That weeded out 15,000 substances for investigation out of a possible 87,000. These, says Mr Timm. would be the same chemicals that other countries would be interested in too. Several nations are already co-operating with the Endocrine Disrupfor Screening and Testing Pro-

gram. According to Mr Timm, the EPA is in contact with the Department of Environment here. The powerful Food and Drug Administration is also lending its weight to the investigation. The project be-

an to take root in 1996. In that year, two environmental laws were passed by Congress, one on food quality and one on the safety of drinking water. Both en-

shrined the responsibility of the EPA to come up with a comprehensive scheme to evaluate the real threat to human and animal health from pollutants in the environment. That year, however, also saw the publication of Our Stolen Future, by Theo Colborn, Diane Dumanoski and John Peterson Myers - a controversial book documenting a wealth of scientific evidence that certain man-made chemicals could confuse or sabotage the endocrine system, which produces hormones that regulate sexual development and reproduction. The authors suggested that these endocrine disruptors could have devastatir fects at low levels.

Among the villains were pesticides such as DDT, phthalates, used in food packaging, and nonylphenol, used to strengthen PVC. For example, chemicals in food packaging are known to leach into the

The book claimed that a host of substances previously thought to be harmless were implicated in infertility, deformities and cancers of the sex organs, as well as neurological and behavioural disorders in children.

The authors pointed out that the worst affected species were at the top of their food chain.



such as polar bears, so the chemicals were accumulating in body fat. One worrying possibility was that they could also be concentrated in a mother's milk and be passed on to children through breastfeed-

An EPA advisory committee was swiftly pulled together from universities environmental interest groups, the chemical industry and public health organisations. It is this committee that will announce the

programme next week. The scientific centrepiece of the programme is a "really near piece of technology", according to Mr Timm. It is a breast cancer cell that has been modified to include a gene from a firefly cancer cells are hardier than healthy ones). The cell is hooked up to an androgen (male hormone) receptor, an estrogen (female hormone) receptor and a thyroid receptor. Mr Tirom explains: "If the cell is exposed to a chemical that interferes with hormones, it will light up. You can use a photometer to record the light levels. We are sure the estrogen and androgen receptors will work, but we aren't sure about

been done before." If the cell flashers like a light bulb, it will show that a chemi-cal can make mischief at the cellular level. However, a light signal in a single cell does not necessarily mean that a sub-stance will affect the animal's body as a whole. That makes it essential for chemicals to be investigated using more subtle

the thyroid one. That hasn't

For this, scientists plan to use female rats just about to en-ter puberty. They will be ex-posed to the chemicals and their development will be monitored for 20 days. To avoid any effects being species-specific, fish will be tested in this way, 100. This task is estimated to take two years.

hemicals earmarked for further scrutiny will undergo a second ner of testing.

Male and female rats will be exposed to each chemical and allowed to breed. Their offspring will then be bred. This will reveal the impact on fertility. Similar breeding studies will be conducted on birds. fish, amphibians and invertebrates. Results from the second tier are not expected until

The risks are judged to be sufficient, laws banning cer-tain chemicals could be in place by 2005. How will the industry react? "Well, industry has bought into this, which made us pleasantly sur-prised," says Mr Timm.

Their representatives were happy to be involved in this study, and are even funding some of it. They have made consensus recommendations and are willing to implement the findings.

"For this to work, they need to be co-operative partners. Hopefully the goodwill will continue, but we will have to wait and see."

after a stroke t Pfizer's laborato-ries in Sandwich,

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Picture of hope

where Viagra was discovered, neuroscientist Dr Ross Kinlock is using nature photography techniques to unravel processes in the brain after a stroke. Using time-lapse photography to follow a culture of brain cells over

a day or so, he can see, speeded up. a mass of neurons switching off as damage spreads.

strates the new thinking about strokes. It was thought when blood supply to the brain is cut off, the damage was immediate and un-avoidable. But a

more complex picture is emerging. The insult to the brain does do damage. starving brain cells which die through necrosis, the process in which cell membranes are disrupted and spill their contents. But the damage goes on for hours. in a process called apoptosis, or cell suicide. The normal role of apoptosis is to shape the body's organs. In a stroke, there is evidence that the initial damage through the brain by apoptosis, for reasons not fully understood. If this process, could be stopped, many stroke victims would have better prospects of reduced damage. Disability might

be cut hugely. Dr Kinlock's experiments allow him to add to the cell culture different drug candidates to see if any inhibit the process. He claims to have found some that do. Other groups are working in the same direction. Dr Nancy Rothwell and colleagues at Manches-

ter University working with rats. that the process involves a signalling molecule in the imsystem leukin-Ibeta. When her team blocked the ac-tion of this molecule with a protein, it reduced in rats by 50 per

cent. American leams worked on inhibiting the acoon of enzymes called caspases, which appear to orchestrate apoptosis. A Harvard Medical School team reported that strokes in mice could be made less damaging — 40-50 per cent — if they were treated with caspase inhibitors.

Caspase inhibitors may be candidates for stroke drugs. And their use could go further. Newborn babies with poor blood flow can suffer brain damage, which may be the result of apoptosis. Dr David Holtzman, of Washington University, gave caspase inhibitors to newborn rats and found they inhibited apoptosis.

Hay-reared cows are safer



E coli 0157, which caused a big outbreak in Scotland in 1996. Scientists at Cornell University have shown that the grain-based diets promote the growth of E coli. and increase the proportion of the harmful variety. Cattle that are fed on hay do not show the same effect.

Reporting in Science, Dr Diez-Gonzalez Francisco and his colleagues say that cattle do not have enough of an enzyme which digests starch to process the grain-based diet fully. It means the starch gets through the digestive system to the colon, where it ferments. This acidifies the colon, where E coli is found. And when bacteria grows under these acidic conditions, it develops extreme acid resistance necessary to survive the stomach acids in humans, which are supposed to protect against food-borne pathogens.

The team found switching cows to a hay-based die before they are slaughtered means that the acid-resistant bacteria is reduced.

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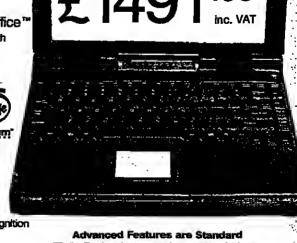
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Aqua go for a big splash



Verdian tragedy for our time

show came at the end of an equally extraordinary week. While ill-matched forces conspired to destroy the Royal Opera, Eng-lish National Opera came up with a gripping Verdi staging that clearly demonstrates what the art form is all about. what it can do to an audience, and all in terms of today, here and now. That ENO should have such a success with a big "international" piece muddies the waters in an interesting

Tom Phillips's permanent set shows a military encampment, closely based on Famagusta and on the fault line between Christian and Muslim worlds. This pale-brown Otel-lo inveighing against "the swollen pride of Islam" sets up

> **OPERA** Otello

Coliseum

vibrations that are relevant both historically and from a contemporary point of view. It is all meticulously detailed: radar screens, satellite dishes. barbed wire, and some nasty nuclear-looking things being gingerly lowered into holes. It is a minutely observed public setting for a private tragedy that gradually, inevitably and painfully becomes public. Phillips's new translation, in plain, singable contemporary English finalised in co-operation with the singers and carefully enunciated, works very

well indeed. The director David Freeman's choreography of the opening scenes is equally detailed and authentic. The tension between commissioned (Cassio) and non-commissioned (lago) officers is perfectscene (beer chasing ouzo) and ensuing riot (broken bottles and knives) are terrifying. The eruption of "suits" into this military world with the arrival of the Venetian envoys, the moment when the private becomes so painfully public, is

fauitlessly handled Some may object to Free-man's use of omnipresent extras, and I think it might be better to leave lago in sole command of the stage for his "Credo". But the chair-duty squad interrupting the Otello-Desde-



Triumphant trio: (centre, left to right) Mark Le Brocq (Cassio), Susan Bullock (Desdemona) and David Rendall (Otello) in David Freeman's gripping new production for ENO

mona duet in the third act causing them to return to "operatic" formality was extremely telling, and the elaborate colour-ceremonies in the big ensemble underlined the way a public-private world was collapsing into chaos. One nagging reservation: milk-and-wapassive heroines are obviously "out" today, but wasn't Susan Bullock's bright, capable, thoroughly modern Desdemona too clever to keep nagging on about Cassio? Wouldn't she have sorted out that stupid handkerchief busi-

ness in two minutes? But Bullock sang wonderfully, as did the whole cast, aided by Paul Daniel's brilliant conducting: all the big moments made their mark, but he always listens to singers,

breathes with them, gives them room to shape the lines as expressively as possible. David Rendall has done nothing better than this, his first Otello: the trumpety top is there when needed, but so is a steady stream of honeyed tone projected with Italianate lyricism. His portrayal of a decent man brought low was simple. heartfelt and extremely mov-

Robert Hayward's crew-cut, bespectacled lago, behaving with perfect military correctness and fielding an absolutely lethal smile, was relaxed. confident and quite revolting. Supporting cast, orchestra and chorus were on top form. A complete knock-out.

RODNEY MILNES

PROMS: Flag-waving at the Last Night; plus Beethoven's great Mass setting

ittle, it seems, is ever going to change at the Proms. So there is no point in worrying about the hopefully good-natured fingoism of those who believe that, once a year at least, Britannia still Rules the Waves. And it's best not to worry about the grown men clutching teddy bears, or those who blow bubbles and throw beach balls in the concert hall. Yet it is no longer fair to blame the Porus for the Proms: more and more foreigners are coming to sample this quaint British custom, and Saturday's event drew German tourists by the coach-

load. Ah, the global village. But then, the 1998 Last Night did have an international flavour. Not surprisingly, both the soloists, the American baritone Thomas Hampson and the French pianist Jean-Yves Thibaudet, were able to show the British a thing or two about partying in style. Thibaudet, one of the nattiest dressers in the business, entered into the spirit of things by sporting a crimson jacket just like those of the Albert

Global village parties in style

the BBC Symphony Orchestra under Andrew Davis, he gave dazzlingly crisp account of Rachmaninov's Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini that was

full of poetry too. Even more enjoyable were



Conductor Andrew Davis:

the baritone's contributions. This was Tom Hampson in Ham Thompson mode as he hammed It up very amusingly to an appreciative audience in arias by Mozart and Rossini, but Verdi's Di Provenza, magnificently sung, was full of seri-ous feeling. He celebrated Ger-shwin's 100th birthday this month with real style, and donned an Anglo-American stars-and-crosses waistcoat for Rule Britannia.

Just as television has its "God slot" so the Last Night has its "New Music slot", which gives the flag-wavers a chance to rest. Hugh Wood's Variations for Orchestra, a typically incisive work based on a droopingly lyrical theme, received its successful European premiere, and Thomas Ades's virtuosic showpiece These Premises Are Alarmed, a complex web of sound that delights and fascinates the

ear, was heard in London for the first time. Otherwise the programme was mostly a mix of the usual

Victoriana and Edwardiana. with the BBC Symphony Chorus on excellent form and the orchestra playing splendidly despite provocation from the audience. In a new departure: there was a short relay from the Proms in the Park, with Tasmin Little playing Pa-ganiniana. Andrew Davis steered clear of Radio 3 matters in his speech, but he did fly the flag for music education and music's importance to the future of the human race.

JOHN ALLISON

Vintage vocals

AS THE days draw in, so does the focus of London's concert life, and nowhere with keener anticipation than at the Wigmore Hall. For with the openmg of the Wigmore on Thursday came the start of a mouthwatering Song Recital Series. The hall often begins with a vouthful flavour. But this time it drew out its finest vintage wiss soprano Edith Mathis. Poise and consummate artistry apart, there are times when Mathis can look and sound nearer 16 than 60. Her-trim, spritely stage presence, bright eyes and yet brighter vocal focus can recall her youthful Despina every bit as much

as her mature Countess. Rarely has there been a voice so

well-nurtured and well-pre-

served - though preservation seems an inappropriate image

for a vocal energy so fresh: Beginning with Beethoven, Mathis and her ever-sentient accompanist Graham John-son moved artfully from the short phrases and intimate questioning of Andenken (Remembrance) to the more involving demands of Mignon's Kennst du das Land and the secrets of Das Geheimnis.

Voice, ear and spirit were then tuned for the intricacies of Hugo Wolf's ardent settings of poems by Eduard Morike. Here both Mathis and Johnson found the innermost intensity of Denkes, O Seele, by resisting any over-dramatisation of its dark questions. And after Mathis's soprano had fearlessly weathered the tempests of Begegnung, it judged to a nicety the drollery and pa-thos which co-exist in Wolf's response to Mörike's wedding tableau, Bei einer Trauung:

Youthful ardour springs out of Schumann's Myrthen collec tion, too, and Mathis warmed to it, inhabiting the ecstatic litany of Widmung and the lunar beauty of Die Lotosblume with eagerness. Then into the shadows of Schumann's triptych. Der arme Peter. Mathis and Johnson made of it a bittersweet musical-box drama whose tone of ironic distanced pain Mathis caught entirely.

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Balm to a troubled soul

NOT everyone was crouching by a computer on Friday night waiting for the US Congress to talk dirty. The Albert Hall, for instance, was packed solid for a 90-minute show that was as far removed from sleaze as it is possible to get in this imper-

Under normal circumstance es one might have found Nikolaus Harnoncourt's interpretation of Beethoven's Missa Solemnis a little lacking in muscle. But, in the context of the sordid news saturating the media this weekend, his sub-limely unworldly, hypnotical-ly calm reading was like balm to the troubled soul. This was no heaven-storming belter of a performance. It crept into existence gently; stealed upon the ear; subdued the brassy outbursts of Gloria and Sanctus into glowing refinement; and skipped lightly and joyously through passages that usually pound the senses.

In short, Harnoncourt's reading was poles apart from

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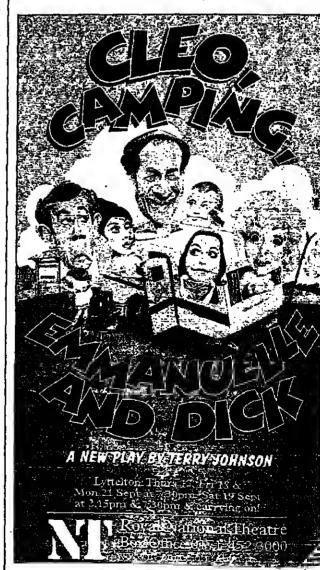
magnificent Bernard Haitink account that opened the Proms last year. Yet in its Beethoven's famous inscrip-tion on this most mysterious of Mass settings: that it should go "from the heart to the heart". The heart has no single lock and key; and neither does great music. Harnoncourt, the Austrian period-instrument pioneer who has revolutionised our view of so many choral masterpieces, seemed to be suggesting here that the Beethoven who penned Missa Solemnis had long ago de-tached himself, spiritually at least, from worldly turmoil. Even the celebrated interruption from militaristic trumpets and drums in the Agnus Dei came across as a horror recol-

lected in tranquillity.

With less good forces at his disposal his interpretation might have fallen embarrassingly flat. But the Chamber Orchestra of Europe is so responsive an instrument, so delicate of nuance, so virtuosic in articulation, that every bar seduced the ear. I have never heard the Crucifixus sound so hollow and strange, or the Sanctus so redolent of ancient monastic modes; or the Benedictus (with Marieke Blankestiin the superb violin soloisti so velvety and consoling.

To listeners used to the bright, upfront attack of British choirs the Arnold Schoenberg Choir from Vienna offered a startlingly different ap-proach. not least in its Germanic pronunciation of Latin. But it gelled beautifully with this orchestra. And four excellent vocal soloists (Ruth Ziesak. Bernarda Fink, Herbert Lippert, Neal Davies) complemented each other gracefully.

RICHARD MORRISON



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POP: Aqua and the Spice Girls go into battle for the hearts and minds of the world's pre-teens

Girls just Wanna have fun

tanding on a huge, steeply raked stage in the middle of Copenbeautiful Tivoli Gardens, the singer Lene Nystrom has a question to pose. "Vil 1 se min numse?" she asks the 70,000-strong crowd, who for the very reasonable sum of 39 krone (about £3) have speni the evening wandering round the oldest fairground in Europe before watching Denmark's most famous pop group perform live beneath

Her enquiry, which trans-lates as "Do you want to see my bottom?", would seem to be academic. For the singer is wearing a pair of red cowboy chaps over some flimsy skin-coloured material, an ensemble which makes it appear as if her backside is bare.

Aqua now live in West London, and their fame has spread round the globe. But Copenhagen is where it all began for the Danish-Norwegian quartet whose ubiquitous hit single Barbie Girl was recently voted the most annoy-ing song of all time in a straw poll conducted among customers at a London record shop.

If their bright. Europop mu-sic is routinely regarded as a bit of inconsequential fun for the pre-teen market, then their sales figures are certainly no joke: Barbie Girl has sold more than a million copies in Britain, while the group's first album, Aquarium, has shifted 12 million copies worldwide since it was released in Denmark in March 1997.

and time-consuming business of mounting a proper live show until last on their list of marketing priorities. But having finally got this side of the operation up and running they want the world to know

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about it. Hampered by a 95 decibel volume restriction imposed on all acts which perform in the

ill Clinton was not the only

one having difficulty getting his mind on the day job last

week. Such has been the preoccupa-

tion of the showbiz busybodies with

the really important issues in Spice-

world - weddings, babies, splits -

that on Friday night it was easy to

overlook the small matter of the fear-

less foursome's first British show

British pop's most bankable inter-

national commodity of the 1990s might now borrow the name of the

mid-1960s combo Unit Four Plus

Two to describe their post-Ginger.

pre-Spice Babies status. Sheffield's

since their celebrated downsizing.

Aqua -Copenhagen.

Gardens. Aqua struggle at first to impose their authority on the proceedings. The vast crowd surges forward as the band start off with Happy Boys & Girls. The musicians hold to a steady line and length, but Nystrom's singing is pitched worryingly off key during My Oh My.

They are saved initially by the sheer energy of the performances by Nystrom and her gruff sparring partner, the rap vocalist René Dif. Scarcely an inch of stage remains uncovered as this oddly matched pair romp backwards and forwards, maintaining a succession of cheerful call-and-response routines that sound like a conversation between a bullfrog and a nightingale.

A giant inflatable octopus jiggles about gently at the back of the stage during Turn Back Time, and Soren Rasted's keyboard podium rises ten feet in the air during a new, Motown-influenced song called Here Come The Birds. But it is only when they strike up the nagging techno beat of Doctor Jones that the gig truly comes to life. Great balls of fire explode dramatically into the night air during Lollipop (Candyman) and after a sprightly romp through Barbie Girl they encore with Roses Are Red which Nystrom and Dif somehow manage to perform while being jerked Like the Spice Girls before from floor to ceiling on rope them. Aqua have left the costly hoists like a pair of serial bungee jumpers in reverse.

Although lacking the instinctive stagecraft that comes with experience, it is a colourful and energetic display of 1990's pop: low on fibre perhaps, but with plenty of added sauce and given a distinctively Aquatic spin.

DAVID SINCLAIR



A colourful and energetic display of 1990s pop: Aqua's singer Lene Nystrom and her onstage sparring partner René Dif

Cooking without Ginger

Don Valley Stadium soon saw that the loss of Geri Halliwell has been surmounted with little difficulty, but this evening raised unavoidable questions about their ability to scale up from arena turn to artists whose presence can truly fill out a stadium. Statistically, the achievements of re-

cent months have blown a loud raspberry at the cynics who doubted the Spice Girls' viabibty as a real, live touring act. Ninety sellout shows in



64 cities across Europe and America tell a proud tale, but here the slickness of the stagecraft did not conceal a strangely flat performance. The screams of their chief constitu-

ents, young girls of under ten, were

answered by the opening If U Can't Dance, which showed off the strangulated LA-via-Leeds accent of the Yorkshire Rapper, Mel B. The song struggled to cut through the worst audio balance I have ever heard at an out-door concert. The mix, sounding throughout like a third-generation bootleg cassette, seriously impeded the group's ability to project itself be-yond the stadium's penalty area. But the playlist was a veritable

Jukebox of some of the world's big-gest (and, doubtless, most enduring) hits of recent years, from an early Too Much via 2 Become I to Viva Forever. The Girls' compulsive costume changes came almost after every second song: I lost count after nine. Glitzy as it was, such a parade made this less of a mature, flowing performance and more an exercise in dressing up in mum's clothes, and their rudimentary between-songs patter added to the feeling of children's entertainers working the last shows of the summer season.

PAUL SEXTON

From fey to feisty

wo years ago Sinead Lohan played the Jazz Cafe. Back then she was a wistfut Irish folkie. whispering her way through a set of beguiling acousticbased songs. Since then she has uodergone a major musi-cal makeover, been to New Orleans to record a sultry album of shuffling rock grooves pro-duced by the very name-drop-pable Malcolm Burn and landed a mammoth, milliondollar deal with the extremely fashionable American label,

Interscope.
The transformation was immediately apparent on her return to Camden as her fourstrong band kicked into Disillusioned, from her current No Mermaid album. Lohan was in her element from the outset but the band, and the rhythm section in particular, took a

while to warm up.
So it was not until the third number, the ringingly hypnotic Believe it if You Like, that the musicians behind her on stage began to achieve any-thing like the fluidity that

> Sinead Lohan Jazz Café, NW1

makes Lohan's new album special.

Lohan herself was a revelation. Gone, it seemed, was the bashful, almost fragile Irish girl of yore, In her place strode a confident and forceful young woman in com-mand of both her material and her audience. The transformation even from two months ago, when I last saw her play in front of her hometown audience in Cork, was remarkable.

Her voice retains its gentle ness but has also developed a tougher edge and she has learnt how to attack a song. This was particularly evident when she swung into Bee in a Bottle, a bold reinvention of ooe of only three songs she was to play from her 1995 folk-influenced debut album.

Concentrating on the new material, she played all 12 songs from No Mermaid. illustrating not only her growing stature as a lyrical soogwriter but also her emergence as a magnetic performer.

But despite her stage presence it was only in the last 20 minutes that the set really caught fire and the band belatedly settled into the churning, slow-motion funk that she had captured so perfectly when recording No Mermaio in America's Deep South. The poppy Whatever it Takes lifted proceedings with its drivingly rhythmic chorus and Diving To Be Deeper rocked with

abandon. Then there was a reminder of the "other" Sinead Lohan as she came back to sing the hauoting If I Go from her debut album. No band this time, just the singer, her song and an acoustic guitar. The effect, it goes without saying, was spellbinding.

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Save us from the scaffold

Derwent May proposes an

architectural revelation

couple of years ago I went to the charming little Italian town of Cremona for the first time. 1 had been assured by the hotel we were staying in that we would have a fine view of the cathedral from our room.

We arrived in the dark and rain and could not make out very much. But, first thing next morning, with the sun shining in. I put my head out of the window. There, sure enough, was the superb cathedrai façade. Unfortunately, I could not see it. It was com-

pletely hidden by scaffolding. Those later-summer travellers who are looking for beautiful buildings, rather than beautiful beaches, are always having experiences like this.

In Paris. work has been going on at the Louvre for years. There, the actual scaffolding is concealed from view, but the effect is no better for that, A gigantic brown box, full of unseen planks and workmen,

has been moving month by month round the outside of the building, like a sniper's nest hanging there up

roof. Meanwhile,

EYES in the air. First, it blots out have it for most of a wing of all our the building, then it reappears as a monstrous cuboid buried corner of a splentreasures did Renaissance

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views along the Paris boulevards are always being ruined by obtrusive scaffolding and giant hanging cloths. Just now, it is the turn of the finest of them all, the Boulevard de la Madeleine.

In Rome, where everything is being prepared for the mass arrival of pilgrims in the Holy City in the year 2000, the whole architectural scene is in a state of upheaval, with St Peter's itself lying under a heavy shadow of repair and recon-

struction work In Venice, in recent years, there has been constant disappointment for the visitors. The great brown box has been crawling all over San Marco and the Ducal Palace. The horses on the facade of the basilica have disappeared and emerged again, the face of the palace on the Piazza side vanished and came back, and at one point even the soaring campanile was under wraps.

Further afield in Venice, it must be acknowledged that the exquisite church of the Miracoli is now appearing wonderful, the cleaned marble on its exterior once again looking like the finest apricot silk -- bui ii has been a long, long

This year the Piazza San Marco is almost all back at last, but we still have to put up with some scaffolding over the clock tower where the figures strike the hour. At least the Venetians have delicately draped some blue material over the metal rods, like a dain-ty umbrella sheltering the fig-

In London, we have never seen the Houses of Parliament whole for a long time. Many foreign tourists went away with a very funny idea of Big Ben. Naturally, work had to be done on all the buildings. Most of those that have come out the other side are looking far better than we have ever

seen them before.

André Malraux, when he was Minister of Culture for France soon after the war. launched the great work of cleaning and reconstruction in Europe. Some people under-standably think it was his greatest achievement, notwithstanding the fact that he was also the author of that powerful novel La Condition Humaine. Nevertheless, I think it is time. for a while, to halt the process that Malraux began. I should like to call for a Europe-an Year without scaffolding. I even have that essential item, an acronym, for it: The Euro-pean Year with an Embargo

on Scaffolding, or EYES.

It would need to be planned a long way ahead. Many buildings are in absolutely vital need of repair, and their owners would need plenty of notice if they had to give up all pros-

pect of doing any-thing for a whole year. The co-operation of govern-ments would be es-

In fact, it would be an ideal opportunity for the EU to show what it could do. Probably the Year would have to be designated at least ten years in advance - the year 2010, say. A few ex-

ceptions would also have to be made. In Barcelona, some of Gaudi's buildings were left in a state of half completion 50 years ago, and are perpetually being shored up while the authorities go on dithering about what can be done about them. That could take another 50

In the ravaged towns of the countries that broke away from the old Yugoslavia, it would also be too cruel to halt restoration if it were still continuing.

ut I think that my Year is a vision that will apb is a vision time. loves travelling and soaking in the European architectural heritage. It might even be combined with an embargo on road works, so that one could walk freely through the fine cities of Europe with an une-qualled view of their palaces and streets.

The knowledge that there was a deadline for completing architectural restoration, and the prospect of increased floods of visitors, might even encourage more and faster work both by public bodies and private owners.

But the task of launching such a Year needs even more than a new Malraux. He, after all, had to make edicts only in France. The hapless European commissioner who was entrusted with the job would find it a nightmare to bully the naflons of Europe into agreeing and to co-ordinate their ef-

However, a body such as the EU that has created so many nightmares for others must expect to have a few nightmares itself. Let Brussels see what it can do. And let the EYES have it.

Clinton could have survived the sex — but his big lie to the people has shattered his presidency

Humpty Dumpty not a politician, let alone an historian. His report is a rifle shot, dealing with one incident, and with a small group of impeachable crimes, including perjury and obstruction of justice. He had already forced the President's lawyers in the White House into a dangerously contradictory re-buttal. In essence, the President's re-ply to Starr is: "I did not commit perjury and I have already said I am sor-ry I did." Yet, in terms of the reaction of the American people, and even of Henry Hyde, the chairman of the House of Representatives Judiciary

therefore on oath. His lies about Miss Flowers were not on oath.

The President's lawyers, whose personal attacks on Starr may be dig-ging a deep pit for the President, ac-cused Kenneth Starr of being obsessed with sex. Why is sex so impor-tant in this case? It is because it is provable. The complex network of Clinton scandals, in Arkansas and Washington, has five nodes. There is the use of Mena Airport in the 1980s to ship arms out to the Contras and to ship huge quantities of cocaine into the United States; Barry Seal was the operator. Mena was part of the large-ly Republican fran-Contra scandal; Bill Clinton was the Governor who allowed it to happen in his state, and protected it.

The second node is the financing of his Arkansas governorship, through Whitewater, through the \$700 million Arkansas Development Finance Authority, through his financial relations with Tyson Foods, through Hillens with Tyson Foods, through Hillens with Tyson Foods, through Hillens and Tyson Foods, t lary's commodity deal, and so on. These scandals were handled by Vince Foster as Bill Clinton's legal advisor. The third node is the fundraisvisor. The third node is the fundraising for the 1992 campaign, in which Foster was again involved. The fourth is the funding of the 1996 campaign, with its Chinese connection through the mysterious John Huang. The "bimbo eruptions" are only the fifth node in these Clinton scandals. Money was much more important

than sex.

trate on money? The reason is sim-ple. The Clinton machine, in Arkansas and in Washington, was systematically organised to deal with scan-dals in a way that the Nixon White House was not. The corruption was real enough; there are Clinton associates still in prison to prove that. But they were cut-outs, the deniable inter-mediaries; these intermediaries certainly included Vince Foster, which is why his death was so important, and they went as high as Hillary. But Bill Clinton himself was protected, so far as possible.

William Rees-Mogg

Even in the sex there was a system-to protect Bill Clinton. The women, in-cluding Monica Lewinsky, were coached in denial, and were offered jobs or threatened in order to secure their silence. There were staff members whose work it was to stop the women talking. But Bill Clinton could not handle the sex through a cut-out, as he could the money. He could not ask John Huang, to have his "inappropriate relations" for him. He had to do it himself. Money was

and Kenneth Start has proved them.
Will Clinton survive? Possibly, but not as an effective President. Humpty Dumpty is the role model. "All the king's horses and all the king's men.
Couldn't put Humpty Dumpty together again." When he recognised that
he was in this situation. President
Nixon finally resigned. I think it likely that President Clinton will reach a similar stage at some point in the impeachment process. He could have survived the sex; the perjury and the big lie to the American people is more

likely to prove fatal.

It would be the same in Britain, though it would have happened more quickly. Tony Blair has been supportive of his friend Bill Clinton, well beyond the requirements of diplomacy. He must know that if any Prime Minister had had to make Bill Clinton's confession of August 17, he would al-ready have had to leave Downing Street. The Guardian's leading article has the sniggering heading: "Clinton had illicit sex. Gosh." The Guardian itself took the issue of alleged perjury and a civil action much more seriously in the case of Jonathan

Aitken. There is a division in American opinion which is mirrored in Britain. There are many men who belong to Bill Clinton's generation and identify with him, even if their own lives have been less louche than his. There are many women who are indulgent tohan sex. more important, but more deniable. wards his sexual escapades. There Why, then, did Starr not concen- Sex and perjury were provable are many black people who see him

as a sympathetic President. These people do not want to believe the evi-

people do not want to believe the evidence; they want to explain it away.

Many other Americans are shocked that an American President could behave in this way; they do not could behave in this way; they do not accept that "everyone does it"; they cannot forget the convincing way their President fied to them on television, in his "that woman" denial. The Democratic Senator Robert Kertey, who lost a leg in Vietnam, put one typical American view, when admitting his own anger. "He's Commander-inhis own anger. "He's Commander-in-Chief, for God's sake." Any officer who behaved as the President be-haved in the Oval Office would be court martialled and dismissed from

The Democrats now have to come to terms with the anger of these voters, as well as with their own anger and sense of disillusionment. It is, after all, the biggest free bonus the Republicans have had in this century. There are not many votes in adultery and none in perjury; apart from November elections, another two crippled years of a discredited presidency would hand the White House to the Republicans and further diminish the number of Demo-

crais in Congress.

At the next presidential election, all Americans are likely to be looking much more closely at the character of the President. For many Americans, it is an issue of broad morality. They believe Monica Lewinsky; they do not believe Bill Clinton. They find the President's conduct in the Oval Office not just a personal matter but a disgrace. They believe he would tell any lie to get himself out of a difficulty. They feel he has betrayed his duty. The probability is that there is more and worse to come. Bill Clinton may or may not be forced to resign, but it is inconceivable that he should be able to restore the trust or authority

With a friend like Bill

The Clinton

scandal has

Committee, Starr's rifle shot looks to

have focused too narrowly on a single

The Clinton presidency has been exposed to multiple scandals since the 1992 Democratic primaries, which he

won despite them. As Governor of Ar-

kansas, he was repeatedly managing serious scandals even before that

Monica Lewinsky was a minor event, one of perhaps 300 women, in a ca-

one of pernaps 500 women, in a career in which the money scandals have been more serious than the sexual ones. In the Paula Jones case, her lawyers buttressed her evidence that the President had exposed himself to

her by introducing evidence of a pat-tern. Monica Lewinsky was only one

of many women they alleged to have been involved in similar incidents;

that was how President Clinton came

to perjure himself in the Paula Jones

pre-trial inquiries.

Kenneth Starr's report would have been better understood by the public

if he had made more use of this evi-dence of a pattern. Apart from the per-

jury involved, Monica Lewinsky is by

no means an exceptional case. Nor

were the lies themselves or the pre-

planning of the lies exceptional. After

all. Clinton lied repeatedly about Gen-

nifer Flowers, and tried to persuade

her to lie. The exceptional point was

that his lies about Miss Lewinsky

were given in legal proceedings and

implications

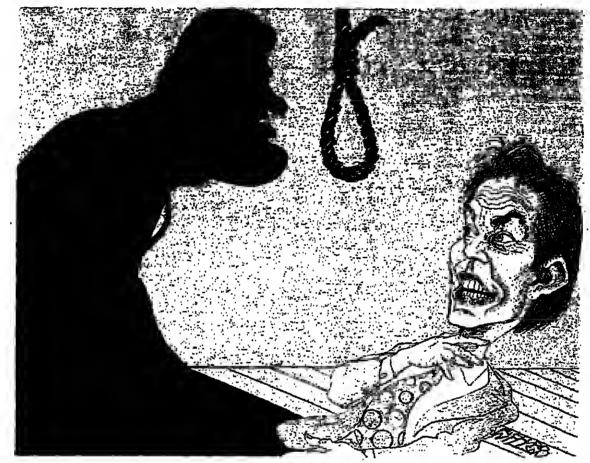
for Blair, says Peter Riddell

ony Blair will not distance himself publicly from Bill Clinton as long as he re-mains President. Nor should he. But he should start to differentiate Blairism from Clintonism: to give substance to that catch-all label, the Third Way. Having been in Washington for the past three days, I now believe that Mr Clinton is less, rather than more, likely to be forced out of the White House quickly. The very salaciousness of the Starr Report may be counterproductive: establishing that Mr Clinton is a philanderer and a liar does not necessarily add up to the "high crimes and misdemeanours" required for impeachment. It

of opinion over the coming months. The crisis engulfing the Clinton presidency presents the Blair circle with an acute dilemma. There are close links. Campaigning techniques, tactics and themes have been exchanged. Mr Clinton treats Mr Blair rather like an experienced mentor ad-

will all depend on unpredictable tides

vising a promising young protégé. Mr Blair talks of Mr Clinton not just as a colleague, but also a friend, and made a point of speaking to him on Friday. Throughout the affair, he has defended the President's record. believing that he has done a remarkably good job, while being helpful to the Blair Government, particularly over Northern Ireland. For all his personal failings. Mr Blair views Mr Clinton as being good for Britain. The Prime Minister would also not do himself any good with any future President by publicly distancing himself now: that is not how heads of government are supposed to treat each other. So for reasons of political calculation, as well as close personal relations, Mr Blair will support Mr Clin-



ton as long as he is in office.
Yet Mr Clinton's troubles cast a deeper shadow in Downing Street The very similarities of style make it more necessary for Mr Blair to demonstrate that Blairism is different: and not solely concerned with focus groups, presentation and the next day's headlines. But there is also an ideological side. Mr Clinton has some important achievements to his credit - the budget package and approval of world trade and North American trade agreements - even if the strength of the American economy owes more to the good judgment of Alan Greenspan at the Pederal Reserve. Yet, otherwise, the Clinton record at home and abroad is thin

RIDDELL ON MONDAY

Mr Blair is, of course, in a wholly different political position. What he proposes is enacted, given his vast and generally loyal Commons majori-The gibe that Blairism is all style and no substance has always been nonsense. Ministers themselves have a clear idea of what the Government should be trying to do: dealing with crime by young men, reducing preventible causes of ill-health. giving toddlers a better start, and improving standards in schools.

However, there is a curious absence of an underlying ideology. At one stage. Mr Blair seemed to relish this vacuum. His catchphrase was

"what counts is what works". Yet over the past year. Downing Street has sponsored a series of seminars to fill the gap — three with the White House, with another scheduled for next Monday in New York. This is partly Mr Blair stroking the Left intelligentsia without committing himself. He is much more interested in political strategy — strengthening the Centre-Left — rather than ideology.

Anyone wanting to be taken seriously as a Blairite has offered their definition of the Third Way, usually an ex-post defence of what they are already doing. It is one of those terms that can mean anything or nothing. Too often, it is presented as a negative, not the collectivist democratic socialism of the postwar era or the neo-

liberalism of the 1980s. Professor Anthony Giddens, of the London School of Economics, and a regular attender at the Downing Street seminars, of-fers a good guide in his book The Third Way, published this weekend. He presents the idea as a renewal of social democracy. The key is the role of the State in the era of globalisation.

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That debate has been given a fur-ther twist, not just by the troubles of Clintonism but also by the latest up-heavals in global markets. At a recent conference of the old Marxism Today magazine, left-wing critics, such as the veteran Marxist Eric Hobsbawm, argued that this turmoil demonstrated the collapse of the neo-liberal approach embraced by Mr. Blair under the Third Way umbrella. Free market/non-interventionist policies are under challenge in Malaysia and Hong Kong. At home, there are already increased demands for Government action and for modifying the Bank of England's anti-inflation remit in face of a wave of factory closures and fears of recession. Dissent over Blairism is likely to be exposed at this week's TUC gathering and at the Labour conference in two weeks.

r Blair also has to come to terms with a Centre-Left revival in much of the rest of Europe. He is personally on good terms with Li-onel Jospin in Paris, and is keen to develop the relationship - for instance, working together to strengthen the European common foreign and security policy. But many French socialists dislike the Third Way as an Anglo-American neo-liberal concept. Gerhard Schroder, of the SPD, has been friendlier to the idea, though his campaign has shown more affinity with the glossier Clinton/Blair campaigning techniques than any fresh deological thinking. But if he becomes German Chancellor after the September 27 elections, there will be much discussion about a common Centre-Left approach in Europe. The coincidence of the German elections and the demise of Clintonism may have the unexpected result of tilting Blairism more in a European than a transatlantic direction.

Time out

LORD BROCKET has taken me aside to talk for the first time about his doleful sojourn in the clink after his scam to defraud an insurance company — by pretending his Ferrari sports cars had been stolen — went awry. Having served in the Hussars in Northern Ireland and scooped the brains of a friend out of an ammunition box, prison life was not particularly unpleasant," says the stoical Brocket who recently left prison by motorbike. "I made friends, I survived. Some of the food at Ford was pretty awful

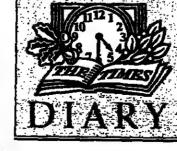
- rice with bits in and ham curling at the edges." Despite such deprivations, the peer is remarkably chipper. He is bringing out a CD with the Time Lords, an assortment of toffs and lags. I gather that he has also written his memoirs, written on a prison computer and which promise to be highly entertaining. "I had to hide the disks in a way

that blended in with the brickwork outside my cell because you were not allowed to store data," he says. This was not the only hazard. He witnessed another inmate being attacked, which, courageously, he reported. The gang responsible then took its revenge on the 3rd Baron. They tried several times, so they

were bound to get me in the end." His main irritation is that his exwife (pictured in happier days), the former Manhattan mannequin Isa, has taken his two sons and a daughter abroad: "It is slightly disconcerting when you assumed your sons just a functional blue Audi.



would follow you to Eton but end up in a high school in Peurto Rico." Despite losing the splendid Brocket Hall on a long lease to a hotel company, he is optimistic. The main thing prison teaches you is to be pa-tient. Time is just not important." Recently he went to collect a new car. He was kept waiting for three hours. Other customers were furious, but he sat serenely. And no, he has not bought a new red Ferrari --



● MO MOWLAM can take it no more. The Northern Ireland Secretary has begged Alan McGee, the Labour-friendly Oasis boss, to cease bombarding Stormont Castle with second-rate rock CDs from his Creation record label. Although Mo is generally a fan of all things loud and noisy (Ian Paisley apart), her guards have com-plained that the packages of noisy rock have caused terrorist alerts. The offending articles will in future be sent to a neutral address, an early benefit of the peace.

In passing MICHAEL OWEN is good at diving (as well as scoring) but I never took him for an actor. This is about to change because the Professional Footballers' Association has been taking advice from the luvvies' union Equity about negotiating "re-peat fees" for footballers whose sepia-drenched performances are reshown in highlights packages.

Programmes such as A Question

Sport replay classic moments from a ballsmith's prime - without so much as a pint in the bath in return. Their thinking is that someone is making money out of this. and the players should receive a cut." explains an Equity voice. Just what is needed: more money for Paul Gascoigne's hospitality fund.

 JOHN SPELLAR, the sacred-cow slaughtering Labour minister, is displaying the kind of reformist altitude towards the vulnerable that Margaret Thatcher would applaud. He was discussing pluns with constituency workers to add a couple of floors to his local HQ in Warley. One unreconstructed Leftist argued that a lift would be needed for less able folk, whatever the cost. Spellar retorted that they could save the extra expense by waiting for older members to die.

Jerry bilked

PITY the Dalai Lama. Dreaming of Tibet every night must lead to a rather gloomy existence. So imagine his enthusiasm when Jerry Hall, the model, offered to strip for his delectation at a charity auction

at the Kensington Roof Gardens. She was to wear a dress which she would fall out of and present to the highest bidder in aid of the Ti-betan Society. Instead, Ms Hall, 42, has asked her hubbie. Mick Jagger, to ring with the news of her sudden modesty. "I don't know why she does not want to strip now," says an organiser. "We won't get as much money for the dress now."

●MY dear friend Rosie Baycott, Editor of The Express, is in danger of becoming a soap star as the subject of a documentary about her stint as Independent Editor. Viewers will see a Mark Pappenheim waiting for Rosie to sack him from that dreary journal. The axe, inevitably, fell. But since shooting, the chap

High Jenks

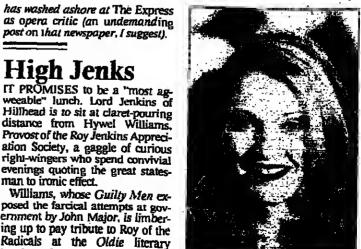
IT PROMISES to be a "most ag-weeable" lunch. Lord Jenkins of Hillhead is to sit at claret-pouring distance from Hywel Williams. Provost of the Roy Jenkins Appreciation Society, a gaggle of curious right-wingers who spend convivial evenings quoting the great states-man to ironic effect.

post on that newspaper, I suggest).

Williams, whose Guilty Men exposed the farcical attempts at gov-ernment by John Major, is limbering up to pay tribute to Roy of the Radicals at the Oldie literary lunch: "It is a great opportunity to share reportage and badinage with the Master, as we call him. We are witnessing the victory of Global Jenkinsism, but the Master will inevitably have an ambiguous relationship with the society. We shall chain ourselves to the Palace until he receives the Garter." Unlikely to be a long wait, one suspects.

That's my Bill

JUST what Bill Clinton needs: support from that model of family value. Madonna. "It is ridiculous." says the Democrat-supporting sex-



obsessed singer (above). "He defi-nitely cheated on his wife and that's not cool — but everybody does, I don't think it is going to affect his ability to govern the United States. If he is going to be impeached, then it should be for more important reasons than that."

 POLLUTION at Parliament is causing policemen to gag, so they have requested face-masks. The authorities have refused because the masks would look wimpish to the average psychotic terrorist type.

Jasper Gerard





WORST OF ALL WORLDS

Starr and Clinton have left the United States in limbo

Kenneth Starr's investigation of the Monica Lewinsky affair has left President Clinton desperately wounded but not quite politically dead. What is now known about Mr Clinton makes his effective conduct of his office extremely implausible. Even by the standards of lame duck second term American presidents, he is in terrible condition. There has been nothing like this since Woodrow Wilson spent the last 18 months of his tenure bedridden in the White House as a result of a paralytic stroke, with his wife and personal doctor conducting his official duties.

Mr Clinton, of course, now relies on his wife and his lawyers. He still has a case and a chance as a consequence of the Starr documents. The independent counsel has produced compelling evidence of persistent perjury and a plainly plausible allegation of witness tampering. His attempt to prove obstruction of justice - which centred on the intensified efforts made to find Ms Lewinsky employment outside of Washington - is open to multiple interpretation. If Mr Starr had shown that the Clinton administration had not merely been aware of, and to some degree encouraged, Ms Lewinsky's desire to submit a fourth affidavit but actively assisted her in that process then the president would surely be finished.

As it is, Congress faces a docket chiefly comprised of perjury. This is a serious offence that in broad terms falls within the famed category "high crimes and misdemeanours". It also makes sex an uncomfortably central component of the charge sheet. Even if almost all Congressmen now feel that the United States would be best served by a change of president, the thought of impeaching Mr Clinton in these circumstances is not very appealing. Yet the alternative is a meaningless vote of censure. This would suggest that a sitting president, alone among Americans, inhabited a zone of licensed criminality. This is not an accept-

The President has laid out his political and

legal strategy. He will apologise to everyone on any occasion. His attorneys will continue to deny that he ever committed perjury. Not for the first time, the two elements of his plan are innately contradictory. Mr Clinton is trying to squeeze all he can from concession and contrition, while in a strict sense his lawyers continue to claim that he was the passive recipient of little more than a sensual massage. Mr Clinton may find this combination impossible to sustain. His political interest demands that he concedes perjury but pleads for understanding. His lawyers may be the people who ultimately

destroy his presidency. The House of Representatives will reassemble this week and examine its position. ll is obliged to initiate impeachment hearings. In practice, the politicians will be watching the polls, especially the attitudes of swing Democratic voters in marginal districts. They will be looking at each other for leadership. They will wait anxiously in case any further bombshell - especially of a sexual nature - finds its moment to drop. The Dow Jones index, so long one of the president's prized political assets, may enter the calculation if it starts to slide. Mr Starr's report also hints that Whitewater may yet resurface with more accusations of perjury and obstruction of justice.

It may be that Mr Clinton can delay the moment of showdown from September to November. The mid-term elections may then play the decisive part. This would be a wholly unsatisfactory development. The interim weeks will be ones in which

American political leadership is invisible. Impeachment should be a legal not an electoral device. Yet in a parliamentary systern, Mr Clinton could be forced to submit his resignation because he had lost the confidence of key colleagues. The American founding fathers presumed that honour would provide that alternative to impeachment. Without it, the United States has been placed in political limbo. It remains to be seen who will break that impasse.

BROTHERHOOD IN BLACKPOOL

The TUC should count its blessings

about the watering-down of union legislation, and calls for government action on job losses. On all three, union leaders should realise that their bargaining position is now extremely weak.

Last week, John Edmonds, of the GMB general workers' union, said that industrial action was a "strong possibility" if publicsector pay did not rise. He would not be doing his job if he did not appear to be furthering his members' interests. But the chances of a public-sector union winning a strike are remote.

This is because any new Government and particularly a Labour one - has to prove that it can face down strikes in the public sector. It was, after all, the winter of discontent that destroyed the last Labour Government: Tony Blair has had nearly two decades to build his resolve against allowing a repetition. He knows that he has to win his first public-sector strike, to set a precedent. almost whatever the cost in party unrest. So. whichever union is the first to test his determination will undoubtedly fail.

As for legislation, the unions should be grateful. not churlish, for the "fairness at work" measures which are soon to be translated into law. True, their initial demands on recognition and the minimum wage were diluted; but the end result is far more generous lo them than they would have won

from any Tory Government They are right to suspect that this represents the high-water mark of Mr Blair's support for the union cause. These were concessions that the Prime Minister

Blackpool this week will resound with had to make, but he is unlikely to make any grievances as the TUC meets for its annual more. Nonetheless, to complain, now that congress. There will be threats of industrial they have rights to recognition, more limit on working hours and a minimum wage would be to show ingratitude of the highest order.

On job losses, the unions' position is the weakest of all. Nobody, least of all ministers, wants factories to shut down. But there is little that the Government can do about the vicissitudes of the world semiconductor manufacturing cycle. High interest rates have undoubtedly helped the pound to soar in the past year or two, but it is already some 8 per cent down from its peak against the Dmark, and may well fall further.

Anyway, interest rates are no longer the Government's responsibility. The only way in which the Chancellor can influence them is to do the opposite of what the unions want: cut public spending. Monetary policy might be eased by the Bank of England if fiscal policy were to be tightened. But that is hardly going to be popular with the workers. Where the Government can affect employment is in its decision over EMU entry: Bill Morris of the TGWU was quite right yesterday to point out the dangers of early

membership. Mr Blair, though, is unlikely to pay much attention to the grievances of the unions this week. The Prime Minister is not open to "partnership" if that means a return to the corporatism of the 1970s. The unions have won more from him in the past 18 months than they won from 18 years of Conservative government. Their barons may posture in Blackpool to court new members - but in private they should also count their

CONFETTI AND SPICE

The best advice for marriage is still to look before you leap

Yesterday's showbusiness wedding of the year was a traditional affair. The gates of the Manor. Little Marlow, were draped with sheets to keep out uninvited eyes and cameras. Helicoplers circled, trying to snatch photographs from the magazine which had bought exhusive rights to the wedding pictures. Fans wept with emotion. And Church Road was closed to the public "on the occasion of a public event", as Scary Spice took her man to the altar.

There are still those within the human race who care 50 times more for a marriage than a political scandal. And Melanie Brown of the Spice Girls did them proud with the age old rituals and superstitions of marriage. She wore a white satin weddingdress for purity, but kept her trademark leopardskin as a bodice. Flowers and fruit symbolised fertility. And her husband, a 23year-old Dutch dancer for the Spice Girls, made it what sociologists call an endogamous marriage by keeping it within the

tribe of celebrity showbusiness. Mel B was not even breaking much of a tradition by being three months pregnant on her wedding day. In reply to criticism that pregnancy before marriage sets a bad example to her very young fans, she says in the current edition of The Big Issue: "I'm not telling the whole world to get pregnant. I'm saying. I'm pregnant and I'm happy. We've always said, believe in yourself and make your own destiny. Just be yourself."

But Scary Spice. Victoria Adams (Posh Spice) and other female pop stars in such groups as All Saints are bucking the matrimonial trend by getting engaged, marrying and conceiving so young. Marrying later has been a chronic tendency for Western women for more than a century. Growing up before marriage goes with emancipation, woman at work and in control of her own destiny. And it can lead to brooding about the ticking of the biological clock and missing the marriage boat, as imagined by Bridget Jones in her "diary". Dickens and Gilbert and Sullivan.

At whatever age, marriage is a leap in the dark. We wish Mel B and Jimmy Gulzar happiness, long life and the other traditional incantations on their marriage. In Romeo and Juliet Shakespeare made a powerful case for adolescent passion against the prudential arguments of the parents and Friar Lawrence, the obscenity and homosexual jealousy of Mercutio and the moral relativism of the Nurse. But it would be a mistake if either Juliet or Mel B were to set a new fashion for early marriage. The best matrimonial advice is still to look before you leap, or you may end up in as a single parent in an unromantic council flat. And if you must marry young, make your million first.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

seen as 'assault'

From Mr Jeff Rubin

Sir. Christie's "Exploration and Travel" auction to be held in London on September 17 (report, September 10), includes a number of objects whose sale represents a disappointing assault on Antarctica's cultural heri-

Lots 210-2t4 are described in the catalogue as artefacts taken from historic sites in Antarctica by John R. Claydon, Wing Commander (renred) in the Royal New Zealand Air Force. in 1955-1958, when he was working in Antarctica with the Commonwealth Trans-Antarctic Expedition.

Among the items are leather sledging traces from Captain Robert F. Scorr's 1901-04 Discovery expedition hut at Hut Point: a candle lantern from Sir Ernest Shackleton's hut at Cape Royds (1907-09 expedition); a glass beaker, crucible and medicine bottle from Dr Edward Wilson's cubicle at Cape Evans (1910-13 expedicion); a brass coat hook from Captain Scon's cubicle in the same hut: and a Coleman lantern from US Admiral Richard Byrd's Little America III base (1939-11 expedition). The catalogue gives estimatews ranging from £600 to £5,000.

Christie's lavish catalogue says these artefacts were "recovered" from the historic huts. Ouring the 1950s, it was a common practice for the rare visitor to Antarctica to take souvenirs from the camps of previous expedi-tions. Today, however, the approach to these issues is quite different. The historic huts, including Cape Royds, Hut Point and Cape Evans, are now protected sites, kept permanently under lock and key, and a vast amount of work has been undertaken to preserve and maintain them.

Tourists, who number nearly 10,000 annually, are forbidden by the Antarctic Treaty of 1959 from removing from the continent so much as a single pebble, shell or feather, let alone historic relics. As a tour guide on numerous Antarctic tourist trips, I can attest to the thoroughness with which they are inculcated with these preservationist values.

For Christie's to auction such irreplaceable artefacts of Antarctica's history suggests to me either woeful ignorance of - or merely disregard for - the spirit of the treaty. I believe that its only appropriate course of action is to withdraw the items from

Better still, is should aid the Antarctic Heritage Trust, based in Britain and New Zealand and guardian of the continent's historic sites, to acquire the objects and to return them to their rightful places.

There are precedents for such a corrective action. In 1995, the widow of a US Navy pilot returned her husband's collection of 34 items taken from Shackleton's hut at Cape Royds to the trust, with no benefit to herself; and two other relies were recently returned similarly by another US donor.

In 1982, the French auction house Ader Picard Tajan withdrew from sale some historic Antarctic relics offered by Paul-Emile Victor, director of Expéditions from 1947 to 1976. Polaires Françaises. If the French can respect British polar heritage, then surely the British can.

JEFF RUBIN (Author, Antarctica: A Travel Survival Kit, Lonely Planet, Melbourne, 1996). 3 Huber Manor, Middletown, CT 06457-3718, USA. rubinwiles@worldnet.att.net September II.

Duty-free sales

From the Managing Director of Hoverspeed Ltd

Sir. Tim Hayward (letter, September 8) is wrong to assert that the predicted increase in ferry fares after the abolition of duty-free shopping will penalise regular travellers and benefit

It will affect all passengers; revenue from duty free has kept prices low. The "ridiculously cheap promotional ticket prices" are distortions by operators who receive state subsidies and those whose do not operate on a truly commercial footing.

Increases in fares will simply reflect the loss of revenue from duty free, whilst ensuring that we can continue to provide passengers with safe, modern vessels and comfortable terminal facilioes.

Duty-paid goods bought in condnental Europe will still represent a substantial saving on UK high-street prices post-1999, but it is far from clear whether ferry companies will be permitted to purchase them for resale

Allowances for duty-paid goods are much higher than those for duty free. Abolishing duty free will drive even more trade towards continental Europe and further encourage those who have damaged retailers in the tJK.

Yours faithfully. GEOFFREY L EDE. Managing Director, Hoverspeed Ltd. Marine Parade. Dover, Kent CT17 9TG. September 8.

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Antarctica auction Cancellation of 1999 season at ROH

From Mr Edward Pearce

Sir. The reputation of opera outside London has never been higher. Scot-tish Opera. Opera North and Welsh Opera have for some years now been turning in productions and performances quite as good as the best things done by the ROH (reports and leading article, September 10) and they have also moved imaginatively on the repertory front. To hear Carl Nielsen's Maskarade, for instance described by the critic, Michael Oliver, as the greatest comic opera of the century after only Rosenkavalier - one went to Leeds. Moreover, these modestly subsidised companies did what the ROH in its metropolitan grandeur loathed doing - they

loured. Well now, if the hiarus caused by the ROH pause for solvency is to be filled. why should not these companies extend their tours to London? The hole left by the "international company" could be filled by a provincial jour from the provinces and non-snob. opera-loving London will be delighted. With their democrane traditions of music before tiaras, the non-metropolitan companies would be providing what most London opera-lovers want. minus a few stars and diamonds.

Never having had money thrown at them, these companies know how to manage it, and they would merit generous transactional and accommodation costs. With their tightly budgeted experience they are also well placed to begin cost reform by establishing a saner regime with the backstage staff, on whom a few realides are now dawning.

Come to think of it, a permanent extension of such a season would be a better way of filling the restored Covent Garden house than another cycle of promises, excuses. £200 seats

EDWARD PEARCE, Chiltern Edge. S Upper Icknield Way, Asson Clinton, Buckinghamshire HP22 5NHF. September 11.

From Mr Derek Hyde

Sir, Ever since the first details of the redevelopment of the Opera House were released, simple back-of-envelone calculations would have shown that it would not be possible to run the House, once refurbished, without a large increase in its grant. It is thus obvious that when the lottery grant was being considered either the question of running costs was not asked or asked and the answer ignored.

Can we be told which, and why? And how many more lottery-funded

From Mr Raiph Rule

poses the flimsy arguments for a single European currency ("Breaking up before it's taken off". September 1); but there is another important consideration for both travellers and

not a problem for most people using plastic cards, but the hidden costs can amount to between 5 and 10 per cent because of the spread between the buying and selling prices of the currencies concerned. This even applies to so-called "commission-free" trans-

We are designing a loyalty sman-card which from next year will be freely convertible in 43 currencies (including the euro). This will be available from mulonational organisations such as petrol companies and hotel and travel groups. Money will not be made on currency exchange profits, but through winning custo-

mer loyalty. Voters in a euro referendum would then just have to decide if the political advantages perceived by our Government were worth the tens of billions of pounds a changeover would cost.

Sincerely yours, R. RULE (Director), Cable and Broadcasting Research Affiance. Cabra Laboratories, 2 The Green. Richmond upon Thames TW9 1QQ. September 7.

Vicenza and its cats

Sir, As someone born and bred in Vicenza, now working and living in London, I was proud and amused to read the learned accounts of my home town's culinary traditions in your letters column today. However, I should like to suggest

one, resembling a car's miaow.

I also have to admit that the mascot of the supporters of the local football club, Vicenza Calcio, is an embalmed cat. Perhaps, behind the gracious Palladian facades, our beloved feline friends are indeed well acquainted

GRAZIANO FRESCHI. 4 Elrose Mansions, Staines Road, Twickenham TW2 5AJ. September 8.

buildings are being erected which will be unable to sustain their running

Yours sincerely DEREK G. HYDE. 14 The Hall, Foxes Dale, SE3 9BE. derekhyde@classic.msn.com

From Mr Clive Timms

September 10.

Sir, It is not news that not performing. particularly during a period of clo-sure, reduces costs. Such information was available well in advance of the closure plans being finalised. Jeremy Isaacs and myself are shown vigorously discussing the topic in the BBC documentary. The House in 1995 and shown again in the follow-up documentary on BBC2 earlier this year.

The important point is that the management and board at that time believed that the Royal Opera House could be severely harmed by two and a half years of not performing and took their decisions concerning the closure plans aware of the financial problems that could result

Yours sincerely. CLIVE TIMMS (Director of Finance and Resources, The Royal Opera House, 1993-1996). 12 Forest Drive, E12 5DF. September 10.

From Mr Harold Nash

Sir, Having served happily, and proudly, in the orchestra of the Royal Opera House for 41 years 1 was saddened to read that those responsible for achieving so many wonderful performances for the past 50 years are the first to be punished for the rather cavalier management of the past.

In addition, they are being accused of helping to bring about the present debacle by seeking to be paid for their dedication in a proper manner. Players who play more than one instrument save the management money and their "doubling" fees are laughably small in comparison with the cost of hiring an additional player.

I can't help feeling that the present crisis has been precipitated by too much lottery money allowing such an exaggeratedly grandiose redevelop-ment scheme. A well planned refurbishment of the house and the use of derelict space for car parking would have meant a considerably shortened closure period and left the much loved Royal Opera House in command of

Yours etc. HAROLD NASH. Barn House, Urchfont. Devizes, Wiltshire SNI0 4QH. September 10.

Watch the birdie

Sir, I do not know at which rule book

Mr Phil Ayliff was looking after a

crow nudged a fellow player's ball 30ft into the hole (report, September 11).

but Rule 18.1 of the Royal and Ancient

If a ball at rest is moved by an outside ogency the player shall incur no penalty and the ball shall be replaced before the

A large crow certainly sounds like

"an 'outside agency' . . . not part of the

match or . . . of the competitor's side"

(Rule 18) to my view Mike Wisgard

would have signed for an incorrect

From Mr Alan Robinson

Rules of Golf states:

score.

Yours faithfully

Old Orchard,

September 11.

ALAN ROBINSON.

25a Aylesbury Road.

of the then underdog.

From Sir Brian Barder

WILLIAM de SEGUNDO.

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Performance channel

Sir. I am one of the thousand plus

wrote to the Chief Executive of Cable

& Wireless to protest at its unheralded withdrawal of the channel ("Small but

perfectly informed, Media Times, September 4).

I have subsequently written again

to ask why they suddenly removed Performance, with its irreplaceable

treasury of opera, ballet, classical

music and jazz, from those of their

subscribers who were (and are) pay-

ing to watch it: and why a company

which presumably cares about rela-

tions with its paying customers failed

entirely to consult us before they

So far I have had no reply - not

even an acknowledgement.

pulled the plug.

Yours faithfully.

September 1].

Wing, Leighton Buzzard,

Bedfordshire LU7 OPD.

From Mr William N. de Segundo

Sir. The assistance of Mike Wisgard's

crow reminds me of when I was

watching two of my sons playing tennis under lights in Brazil some

One boy had lobbed the ball high

and it was obviously going out, so his

brother ignored it. A passing bat flew at it and nodded it back into play.

winning a critical point to the delight

player plays another stroke.

Convertible cards

Sir, Michael Gove quite rightly ex-

Having to exchange currencies is

From Mr Graziano Freschi

another explanation, perhaps more logical, for why the Vicentini are referred to as mangiagatti (cat eaters: magnagatti in the local dialect): that, while all the people from the Veneto have a peculiar inflection, easily recognisable by other Italians, the Vicentini have a particularly strong

with the boiling pot

Yours faithfully Yours sincerely BRIAN BARDER. 10 Melrose Road, SW18 INE. brianbarder@compuserve.com September 7.

Return journey for a Boer War trophy

From Mr Peter M. N. Luscombe Sir. You report today the return of a prayer book to the widow of its original owner by the lance-corporal who had rescued it from a bombed-out abbey in Normandy in 1944. I am

reminded of my own similar experience with a relic of the Boer War. My grandfather, Samuel Richard Luscombe, embarked for South Africa in 1898 as part of General Redvers Buller's army. In 1900, after the surrender of the Boer General Piet Cronje at Paarderberg, it was thought that the war was over, and my grand-father returned to England.

With him he brought a Boer bible containing several leners to their parents from the daughters of its original owner. Franz Jacob Labuschagne - a farmer from Ventersdorp who had been an aide to General Cronje. I acquired the bible from my grandmother on her death in 1950. and it remained in my possession

until very recently. For many years I tried to trace Labuschagne's descendants. A few weeks ago, as the result of a letter of mine published last year in South Africa Country Life, I received a phone call from one of his great-granddaughters, here on a visit from Pretoria.

I gave her the bible to take back to South Africa, where we hope it will remain with the Labuschagne lamily. after a sojourn of almost a century in England.

Yours faithfully. PETER M. N. LUSCOMBE. The Croft, Woodmancote, Emsworth, Hampshire POI0 8RD. September 10.

CS gas warning

From the Chief Executive of the National Schizophrenia Fellowship

Sir. The deployment of CS gas is now as widespread as the breadth of concern (report, "Police watchdog gives warning on CS spray". September 7). People with a severe mental illness, such as schizophrenia, are likely to be confused and fearful that those coming to help are trying to harm them. Using CS gas in such circumstances will only confirm their delusions.

CS gas can exacerbate the cardiac side-effects of some drug treatments for schizophrenia. The full interaction with psychiatric drugs is unknown

but potennially very dangerous. There needs to be a focused inquiry into the use of CS gas. particularly in relation to the mentally ill. We welcome the fact that the Association of Chief Police Officers has expressed a willingness to meet us shortly over these and other concerns.

Yours etc. CLIFF PRIOR. Chief Executive Nadonal Schizophrenia Fellowship, 28 Castle Street. Kingston upon Thames KTI ISS. September 7.

Segregated soldiers

From Mr Peter Gasgoyne-Lockwood

Sir. Mr George Foggon (letter, August 26) states that segregation in the US Forces landing on Omaha Beach on June 6, 1944, was "a maner of common observation".

This may be so. However, it is a matter of historical record that two predominantly black "port banalions" went into operation on D-Day+I and that the 33rd Field Artillery Battalion. which landed on D+7, was in acron

All in all, 22 black combai units were in active service in NW Europe: nine field artillery battalions, one AAA battalion, two tank battalions (one of which, the 761st, earned the Presidential Unit Citadon), two tank destroyer battalions |the ol4th, decorated for action at Chimbach, France) and eight combat engineer battalions. Additionally, the 92nd Infantry Division fought in Italy, as did 99th Pur-suit Squadron, 332nd Fighter Group and 447th Bomb Group.

Readers requiring further information should consult From Slavery to Freedom by John H. Franklin and A. H. Moss Jr (McGraw Hill, New York, 1994).

Yours sincerely. PETER GASGOYNE-LOCKWOOD. 63 Hillcrest Gardens, Esher, Surrey KT10 0BX.

Performance channel addicts who Morgan's manners From the Archdeacon of York

Augusi 28.

Sir, Until my fellow archdeacon, Marun Draper, sowed seeds of doubt in my mind (letter. September I; see also letters. September 5 and 9) 1 had always assumed that Morgan's Mod-ern Manners. in your WWeekend section, was a highly readable and vastly amusing send-up.

The doubts were completely dispelled on September 5 when Mr Morgan answered the question about the right way to hang a roll of lavatory paper with the advice that it should always be "top to bottom". Surely that is the end of the matter.

GEORGE AUSTIN, North Back House. Main Street, Wheldrake, York YO19 6AG. September 9.



COURT CIRCULAR

BALMORAL CASTLE September 12: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were repre-sented by Captain Roderick Stir-

ling of Fairbairn (Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Ross and Cromarty) at the Funeral of Vice-Admiral Sir John Hayes (formerly Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Ross and Cromarty) which was held in St Andrew's Church, Tain. Ross-shire, this morning.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE September 12: The Prince Edward. President, the Commonwealth Games Federation, today carried out the following engagements in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, for the KVI Commonwealth Games.

His Royal Highness this morning visited the Nadonal Aquatic Centre, National Sports Complex. Bukit Jalil, to watch the swimming heats and afterwards watched the men's gymnastic team competition at the Putra Stadium.

The Prince Edward this after noon attended a Lunch given by the Manchester 2002 Commonwealth Games organisers at the National Sports Complex His Royal Highness later visited the Badminton Stadium. Cheras,

before watching the women's hockey match between Scotland and Jamaica at the Kuala Lumpur Hockey Stadium, Pantae.
The Prince Edward this evening returned to the National Aquatic

Centre, Bukit Jalil, to watch the swimming finals. His Royal Highness later atunded a Dinner given by the

The Prince of Wales will undertake

engagements in London and East

arrend The Prince's Trust gala

dinner at Horsted Place Hotel,

The Duke of Kent will open the

Prison Swaleside, Eastchurch, Isle

of Sheppey, at 10; will visit the In-

tensive Supervision and Support

Programme, Canterbury Proba-tion Service, Barton Mill Road.

Canterbury, at 12.30; will visit the

Alcohol and Drug Treatment Cen-

tre. Kent Council on Addiction, 39

and 41 Wincheap, Canterbury, at

1.05; and will visit Cornerstone, Al-

Lickfield, East Sussex, at 7.30.

Today's royal

engagements

Prime Minister of Malaysia at the Palace of the Golden Horses. CLARENCE HOUSE September 12: The Lady Angela

Oswald has succeeded the Lady Margaret Colville as Lady in Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother. BALMORAL CASTLE

September 13: Divine Service was held in Crathie Church this morning. The Reverend Marjory MacLean preached the Sermon. ST JAMES'S PALACE

September 13: The Prince of Wales this afternoon welcomed The Crown Prince Abdullah Bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia on his arrival at Heathrow Airport London, and accompanied The Crown Prince to Claridge's. **BUCKINGHAM PALACE**

President, the Commonwealth Games Federation, today undertook the following engagements in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, for the XVI Commonwealth Games.
His Royal Highness this morning watched the women's cycling

road race at Shah Alam. The Prince Edward this afternoon watched the boxing at the Shah Alam Boxing Stadium, before watching the tenpin bowling

at the Sunway Pyramid.
His Royal Highness later watched the rugby sevens at the Rugby Stadium, Kelana Jaya. The Prince Edward this evening attended the Commonwealth Games Reception at the Palace of the Golden Horses.

Birthdays today



This Chinese flagon dating from 206BC is filled with about two glasses of the original rice wine. The lid on the gilt bronze vessel had jammed shut so tightly that air could not penetrate for more than 2,000 years (Dalya Alberge writes). Michael Goedhuis, a leading London dealer in Asian art who acquired the piece when it surfaced in Hong Kong, spoke of the excitement of bearing the liquid "sloshing around"

Wine survives 2,000 years

inside. The vessel was buried in a tomb in China until, it is believed, very recently. But Mr Goedbuis has no intention of opening his example, saying that it is far more evocative to

have the wine inside the vessel. "It's such a very unusual thing to have discovered." He will be offering it for about £65,000 at the Paris Biennale, which runs from this Friday to October 4. Mr Goedhuis said of the simple design that the fashion changed in the 4th century BC from richly decorated vessels used for ritual purposes to objects used by the great families of the day for drinking wine at their own tables.

Marriages

Lord Coleraine and Mrs M.R. Smyth

The marriage took place quietly on Saturday at St. Peter's, Hutton Cranswick, Yorkshire, of Lord Colerance to Mrs Bobbie Smyth. of Sunderlandwick, Driffield. The Rev John McNaughton and Father William Massie officiated.

The bride was attended by Emily and Alice Ironside and Philippa Smyth, granddaughters of the bride and bridegroom.

Mr O. Skelding and The Hon Julia Norric The marriage took place on Saturday, September 12, at the Church of S1 Lawrence,

Hungerford, of Oliver, only son of Mr Simon Skelding, of Fulham, London, and Mrs Christine Skelding, of Paundey, Gloucestershire, to Julia, younger daughter of Lord Norrie, of Ramsbury, Wilshire, and Celia Lady Norrie, of Husperford Barkehire. The Paul Hungerford, Berkshire. The Rev

Andrew Sawyer officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Phoebe Burton, Rosie Kirkpatrick, Max Stanton. Ludovic Smith and Mark Byford. Mr Richard Young was best man. Mr C.C. Cox

and Miss K.M. Macnah The marriage took place on Saturday at St Andrew's Episcopal Church, St Andrews, Fife, of Mr Christopher Cox, younger son of Mr and Mrs Stephen Cox, of North Walsham, Norfolk, to Miss Katie Macnab, younger daughter of The Macnab and the Hon Mrs Macnab of Macnab, of Leuchars. Fife. Canon Robert Gillies

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Alice and Emma Fyfie. Jacquetta Watts, Rory Cox, Charlie Macnabb and Miss Camilla Younger. Miss Rachael Macintosh was best man.

A reception was held at Strathtyrum, St Andrews, and the honeymoon will be spent in the Highlands.

Dr S.J. John and Dr H.J. Ferguson The marriage took place on Sat-

unday in Romsey Abbey, Hampshire, of Dr Simon Johnson-Ferguson, youngest son of Sir Ian and Lady Johnson-Ferguson, of Upper Clarford, Hampshire, to Dr Helen Ferguson, younger daugh-ter of Mr and Mrs Stuart Ferguson, of Romsey. The Rev Christopher Rankine and Dom Charles Macauley officiated. The bride, who was given in

marriage by her father, was at-tended by Rosie Harper, Amelie Johnson-Ferguson and Georgia Ferguson, Mr Andrew Perry was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

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Appointment a

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Mr A. Cook and Miss J. Wood

The marriage took place on September 12, at S1 Barnabas Church. Colchester, between Allan, son of Mr and Mrs B. Cook, of Colchester, and Joanne, daugh-ter of Mr and Mrs P. Wood, of Kingsclere, Hampshire. Mr N.D.B. King

and Miss H.E.J. Thornhill The marriage look place on Sal-urday, September 12, 1998, at S1 Laurence's, Diddington, of Mr Nicolas King, elder son of Wing Commander and Mrs Timothy King, to Miss Harriet Thornhill, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Thornhill. The Rev Chris-

topher Beales officiated. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was at-tended by Sophy, Harry and Freddy Fairhead, Georgina and Chloe Hill, Sam King and Milo Browne. Mr Robin Osmond was

A reception was held at Diddington and the honeymoon is best man. being spent abroad. Mr G. Martin

nd Miss A. Minton The marriage took place on Friday, September II, at St George's Church, Freezywater, Middlesex, of Glerm, son of Mrs Kate Martin, of Enfield, and Amanda, daughter of Mr and Mrs Graham Minton,

also of Enfield. Mr J.R.S. Scroggs and Miss S.J. Parkinson

The marriage took place on Sat-Church of Saint Mary the Virgin. Silchester, Berkshire, between James, younger son of Mr and Mrs Cedric Scroggs, of Brightwell cum Sotwell, Oxfordshire, and Sarah Jane, daughter of the late Mr Desmond Parkinson, CMG. and step-daughter of Mrs Patricia Parkinson. of Woodrow.

Silchester. A reception

School announcements

Cambridge Tutors College,

Miss Sandra Blow, painter, 73; Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos, CH, 82: Professor J.F. Coales, FRS. electrical engineer, 91; Sir James Cobban, former Headmaster, Abingdon School, 88; Vice-Admiral Sir William Crawford, 91: Lord Dean of Harptree, 74; Mr Martyn Hill, tenor, 54; Mr Michael Howard, composer and conductor, 76; the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy, 70; Air Marshal Sir Frederick Sowrey, 76; Mr Ray Wilkins, former England footballer, 42; Mr Nicol Williamson, actor, 60: Lord Willoughby de Broke, 60: Mr Martin Wyld, chief

sham Street, Maidstone, at 2.30.

UNCOMMON visitors are migrating southward — or just drifting — throughout the British Isles Among them are migrating southward - or nong them are spoonbills, which are fluffy white herons with beaks like spatulas, red-necked phalaropes, which are tiny wading birds from the Arctic, and little gulls from Eastern Europe. mostly immature birds with distinctively striped wings. All these three species could be seen side by side last week at Titchwell Marsh bird reserve on the north Norfolk coast. Swallows, house martins and sand martins - the three British hirundines -- are feeding together, swooping and turning in the air, wherever there are large numbers of insects rising from lakes or marshes. They too will even-

tually head for Africa. Along the coast, yellow horned poppy is still in flower, generally in the dry shin-

restorer. National Gallery. 54. Legal appointment Miss Andrea Jill Wainwright to be a District Judge, Western Circuit.

Nature notes

Red-necked phalarope

gle. At field edges there are still blossoming plants of mallow and white campion. Fat hen, or white goosefoot, with its mealy white flowers is flourishing in waste land: it used to be cooked like spinach. In the hedges, woody nightshade, or bittersweet, has purple and yellow flowers, green berries and ripe red berries all on the same climbing plant. Hazelnuts are plump in their leafy cups, but will not be ripe enough to pick

A further cohort will join the college in January for the accelerated 18 month A-level course. Sir Michael Heron will be the guest speaker in a South London Chamber of Commerce business lecture on November 19. An Open Evening for prospective students and their parents will take place on Tuesday, October 27. A programme of A-level support classes will be available for the first time for external students during the

Craydon

Term begins today at Cambridge Tutors College with 210 students on roll, 83 of whom have joined on

first-time A-level courses this term.

term. The college is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year and a dinner for past students will be held on December 12 Past students interested in attending should contact the college. Further information can be obtained on 0181 688 5284. The following scholarships have been awarded: Anniversary Academic Scholarship: Ivan Fernandes (John Fisher School). Academic Scholarships: Tina Bharkada (Archbishop lenison's School; Haroon Khan (St Mary's School): Jonathan Loo (Cambridge Tutors College); Ali-son Nalliah (Croham Hurst School); Ambrish Patel (Trinity School) and Sanjay Patel (Colfes

Giggleswick School Term began on September 7, with 325 pupils in the School. The Rev Jeremy Sykes has taken up his position as Chaplain, and was licensed by the Bishop of Bradford on Sunday, September 13. Jennifer Cashman is Head of School, Christopher Massey Captain of Rugby, and Kimberly Poek Cap-tain of Hockey. The Old Giggleswickian Wessex Lunch will take place in Newbury on Sunday. October II. The Old Giggles-wickian Yorksture Dinner will be on Thursday. November 19. The will not be ripe enough to pick Headmaster's Reception for Par-for a fortnight or so. DJM enis is on Sunday, November 15.

School).

and on Wednesday. November 18, the Chapel Chorr will sing Even-song at SI George's, Windsor. At the end of Term the Giggleswick Dramatic Society will present two contrasting productions: A View From The Bridge by Arthur Miller and Gilbert and Sullivan's The Pirates of Penzance. Information from the Headmaster's Secretary, Giggleswick School, Settle, North Yorkshire, BD24 ODE, Tel: 01729 823545. Email: head master@giggleswick.nyorks.sch.uk

Harrogate Ladies' College Harrogate Ladies' College opened for the Autumn Term on Tuesday. September 8. The Headmistress. Dr Margaret J. Hustler, is pleased to welcome Mr Damian Chubb BSc. PGCE as Head of Biology. who joined us from Yarm School, and Mr James Stretton FTCL, GTCL, LTCL, PGCE as Head of Practical Music, who joined us from Don Valley High School. Lancaster House has been re-sited separately in the former Rylestone Building, and Miss V Cooper BSc. MEd PGCE Head of Mathematics has accepted the promotion to Housemistress of Lancaster. School Officials for the year are Head of School -Tennant: Deputy Head of School - Rosemarie Adams: Head of

- Elizabeth Hall; Head of Day Girls - Jane Stephenson; Deputy Head of Day Girls -Rosanne Bond; Head of Choir -Sarah Davis. Events for the term include: The Equestrian Team challenge at the Great Yorkshire Show Ground on Sunday, September 13; Harvest Festival on Sunday. October 11 at 10.15am; on Sunday. September 27 at flam there is a Chapel Service 10 celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Consecration of the Chapet, to which all former pupils, parents and friends are welcome. Please telephone the School Secretary if

you would like to join us for a

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buffet Lunch following the Service. A "Taster Week-end" for 9-11 year olds will be held on October 17-18. and 13+ Entry Invitation Lunches take place on November 15 and 29. The Sixth Form take part in a Challenge of Europe Conference on November 3-4, a Sixth Form Information Day and weekend has been arranged for November 27 and 28. The Chapel Choir will sing Evensong in Durham Cathedral on November 16, and Confirmation takes place on Sun-day, December 6, in the School Chapel. There will be a Carol service in St Wilfrid's Church at 2.15pm on Tuesday, December 15. Half-term is from October 23 to November 1, and term ends on

Thursday, December 16. Kelly College

Christmas Term at Kelly College commenced on September 3, with over eighty new pupils joining the College. The combined roll of the Senior & Junior Schools is now over 470. Matthew Clark, formerly of St John's-on-the-Hill, Chepstow, is Head of School, with Genma Britton as Deputy Head of School. The Ellis Building, the new class-room block at the Junior School. will be opened officially by Mr John Wright, Mayor of Tavistock & Vice Chairman of the Governors, on September 17, the Open Day is on October 3, and the Contingent Review is on November 19. The Stoddard Lecture by Dr Tessa Slone (OK) "Nasty, forward minutes? - Women in the 20th century" is on November 21 and the Drama Group will present Loot by Joe Orton on December 10. II and I2. The guest of honour on Remembrance Sunday is Surgeon Commodore Ralph Curr. The season of Concert Society concerts commences on September 23. Friends of the College who require details of these events, of the Millennium Appeal or of the Friends of Kelly programme are asked to contact the Registrar at the College (01822 612050). Half term is from October 16 to 31, and the term ends with the Carol Service in Tavistock Parish Church, on December 16.

Northwood College The girls returned to school last week. Satchi Malde as Head Girl and Narges Khodabandehloo as Assistant Head Girl continue to lead their team of Senior Prefects whose members are Dalia El-Sayegh. Efe Avan-Nomayo. Rosalie Summers, Sarah Britton. Claudia Hobbs, Katayoun Elyassi, Punitha Aranha, Camilla Mason, Claire Pearce and Jennifer Wilkinson. Open Day is on October 10. A production of Murder in the Cathedral will take place on November 25, 26 and 27 and the Christmas Concert will be held on December 10. Carol services for the Senior School. Junior School. Pre-prep and the Nursery will be held in the last week of term. The

Guest of Honour at Speech Day on

December 17, is the Rev Roger

Wymoudham College, Norfolk with head boy, Sam Prince and head girl Charlie Wright. The rugby captain is Tory Livingstone, captain of hockey is Amy Ludkin, the netball captain is Jacqui Skoyles and the tennis captains are Vicki Tinkler and David Haverson. Staff and stu-dents are performing Trial by Jury on Thursday, October 1, as a tribute to former Head of Eliza-beth Fry Hall, Mr Michael Brand. who will be starring as the judge. The junior drama production this term will be The Comedy of Errors to be held on Thursday, October 19 and Friday, October 20, Founders' Day service will be held on Sunday, October 22 with the Bishop of Lynn, the Right Rev David Conner, preaching. The open evening for south form ap-plicants will be held on Thursday, October 22 and Open Days for this terra will be held on Saturday, September 25, and Saturday. Octo-

ber 14, from 10sm until midday.

Forthcoming

marriages Mr CJ. Mitchell

and Miss G. Philbin The engagement is announced between Julian, younger son of Mr and Mrs Charles Mitchell, of Stone, Staffordshire, and Giulia. younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Dennis Philbin, of Wilmslow, Cheshire.

Mr C.E.R.C. Rhodes and Mile A-F.B. Grouchy de Vornez

The engagement is announced between Charles, only son of Colonel Sir Basil and Lady Rhodes, of Baslow, Derbyshire, and Béatrice, daughter of the late Comte Jean-François Grouchy de Vornez and of Mme Grouchy de Vornez, of Stockholm, Sweden. Mr D.H. Wynne Finch

and Miss H.C.A. Thring The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs Charles Wynne Finch, of Celnamwich, North Wales, and Henrietta daughter of Mr and Mrs John Thring, of Lingfield, Surrey.

Service dinner

RAF St Athan Air Marshal Sir Colin Terry, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief Logistics Command and Air Member for Logistics, was the principal guest at a ladies night dinner at RAF St Athan on Saurday to mark the 60th anniversary of the found. the 60th anniversary of the founding of the station.

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Thanksgiving service

Sir David Hunt

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Sir David Hunt, KCMG, OBE, will be held in St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey at noon on Thursday, November 12. Those wishing to attend are asked to apply in writing, enclosing a stamped ad-dressed envelope, to: The Assistant Receiver General (Protocol), Room 12, The Chapter Office, 20 Dean's Yard, Westminster Abbey, London-SWIP 3PA. Tickets will be posted

£4: - _

Anniversaries

by November 6.

BIRTHS: Baron Alexander von Humboldt, explorer. Berlin, 1769; Theodor Storm, writer, Schleswig, 1817; Sir Peter Scott, naturalist and artist, London, 1909; Jack Haw-

kins, actor, London, 1910. DEATHS: Arthur Wellesley, 1st Duke of Wellington, Prime Min-ister 1828-30, Walmer Castle, Kent, 1852: Augustus Pugin, architect of the Gothic revival, Ramsgate, 1852: Isadora Duncan, dancer, Nice, 1927; Grace Kelly, Princess Grace of Monaco, killed in a car crash,

Monte Carlo, 1982. Francis Scott Key composed the poem The Star Spangled Banner, which later became the American national anthem, 1814. The Soviet Lamik II landed on the

Moon, 1959. The Daily Herald ceased publication, to be replaced by The Sun,

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BIRTHS BROUSSE - Oo 6th September 1998, to Meliss Ince Brooks) and Damian, a daughter. Charlotte

MACKENZIE on September 2nd to Lucy Inde Mitcaller and Roderick, a daughter Isabella Africa Joy, a

SENIOR - ON SEPTEMBER son Schastian Robert brother for lieselotte

EMERALD. ANNIVERSARIES

De SANTOS-LINNEY - On Soptember 14th 1943, at St John's Church, York Mills, Ontario, Canada, George Manuel(RAFVR) to Dorle Sida, Now ot Beckenham,

DEATHS

BAGGALEY - Barbara Elizabeth, (Née Hardy) Widow of Alaric, peacefully io Sherborne of Suptember 10, aged 86. Dearly loved Mother of Christopher, Robin and Rosemary, A Thanksgiving service will be beld at St.Mary's, Bleasby at 3 pm on Friday, October 2.

BONHAM-CARTER - John Ark-wright, on September 9th, aged 83 years at Rowerdown Musing House, Horne ock Road, Winchenset, Hampshare SO22 6NT Belowed Bunkend of Anne Jaho rendent at Proventown, Father, Orantischer and Oreas Grandfather, Pa-seral Service on Tuesday 28th Septem-ber at Sublichasi's Church, Ower-molgue, near Devokuster at 230pm (ol-lowed by salempoint atterwards at Berud-mayor Village Hall, Family Rowers unly, donations, if wished, to The Order of St. John of Juo. Seed & Son. Chesil House, Waschester SO23 OHU

DEATHS

September aged 85. Funeral Shiplake Ch DENMARK - Or. John, died

DENMARK - Or. John, died suddenly on September 3th 1998, will be sadly missed by his wife Frances, children John and Kathleen and grandchildren Jonathao, James, Peter and Sarah Funeral service to take place at the Parish Church ol Saint John The Baptist Broughtoo Lancashire oo Friday 18th September at 1.30pm prior to private cremetion. Family flowers ooty please. Oonations if so desired may be sent lor so desired may be sent lor Mental Health Services of Sallord (J.D.U Fund), c/o Salord J.D.U Fund), c/o
The Funeral Oiroctor.
Further enquires please to
Mckenna Funerals, 54
Meadow Street, Preston
PRI 1TR, Tel 01772 251694

EDWARDS - on 10th September peacefully after a short illness at home in thove. Jack aged 73. Funeral Service Woodvale Crematorium. Howers, donations if wished to Macmillan Caucer Relief, c/o Attree & Kent, 108 Church Road, Hove 01273 821985.

ELLOTT - Andrey Mary on September 10th 1992 agod 77. Beloved mother of Philip and Robert. Paperal service at Breakspear Cetamordium Raidup Transchy 17th September at 1 30pm. Femily Rowers early. Domitions if Ledward to Maste Cates Natural, 28 Belgawe. Square, London SWIX SQG.

To place death notices. acknowledgements or notices please call 0171 680 6880

FELLOWS - Ida Edith
(Bunny) on 9th Septembe
1998. Moch loved mother
of Selina, dear friend of
Brock, beloved stater of
the late Philip. Cremation
al Golders Green on 15th
September at 3.15. Service
at St Marya Church,
Happisburgh, Norfolk on
39th September at 11.30.
Please send donations in
lieu of Ilowers to The
Theatre Royal, Norwich,
Norfolk. SURGE - Anne of Shiplake Oxon. Beloved mother of Sherwood, died 11th

FRAENKEL - Professor
Gustav, formerly Dean of
Finders Medical School,
died peacefully in
Adelaide 11th September
attended by his children
Margaret, David and
Graham

GRANDFIELD - Nigel John, stallenly after a short illness, on 11th September 1998 at Schlary's Hospital Portmonth, aged 60 Most befored Hisband of Susse and Brother of Julian. Futerni at Hawking Church, user Peter-field, Minagoline on Friday 19th September at 3-30pm family Bowers only Donation to MaxifloGocal Unit, Onces Alexandra Hospital Purament.

IDDELL - Charles Henry M.C. Late Rifle Brigad aged 81. On 9th Septem from pneumonia. Deep from pneumonia. Deeply loved husband of Pamela and very much loved father, grandfather and great grandfather. Funes at st. Peter and The Holy Cross Church, Wherwell

cross Choren, Wherwall
on Saterday September
19th at 11.30em. Family
flowers only. Donations, if
desired to St.Peter and The
Holy Cross Church or
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Winchester \$023 OHU MICHAEL - Maurice, peacefully at his home in Lorryn, Cornwell on September 12th, Beloved husband of Pam and desriy loved lather of Jane and Ian, much loved Crandiather of Eric, Tom,

Emma and Jonathan, Private cremation. No

NORPENGTON - Josephine
Am aged 73 died
pescefully al home
September 3th 1998.
Dearly loved daughter of
Joyce Norrington lately of
Shaidon Devon and close
relation of the May family
of Lymington. Funeral
service 12 noon Friday
September 18th at St. John
The Beptiat Church Boldre
Lymington. Private
cremation ister. All
enquiries to Carole
Hawkins Tel: 01590
673312. VORRENGTON - Ja

SERERING - Vivien 'Muffet', adored wife and friend of George for nearly 60 years. Mother of Michael and Paul and dearly loved grandmother. Fameral Service at Easthourpe Crematorium on Friday September 18th at 3.15pm. Family flowers only please, donations to RNLL, enquiries of Thomas Elch

enquiries e/o Thomas Rich Funeral Services, 46 South Road, Helisham, 01323 840049 IN MEMORIAM WAR

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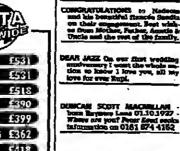




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OBITUARIES

MICHAEL NIGHTINGALE OF CROMARTY

Michael Nightingale of Cromarty, OBE, investment banker, antiquary and conservationist died on September 2 aged 70. He was born on December 6, 1927.

ichael Nightingale's busy life had many strands, of which his career in the City seemed the least important. Britain's museums, its village churches, the Highlands of Scotland, the Nnrth Downs of Keni and rural Indonesia were amnng the multifarious interests which obsessed him.

For the best part of half a century, he fought these causes with an uncompromising zeal which never wavered, whether he was wearing his hat as a member of the Church of England's General Synod (he was once its lay chairman) or as Mayor of Maidstone. The detritus of such campaigns linered his study, burgeoning piles of correspondence from which he could extract with unerring accuracy any required ducument.

From these strands he wove a complex pattern which flew in the face of the current trend towards specialisation. He even acted for more than forty years as the Esquire Bedell of London University, bearing the mace in silken breeches on ceremonial occasions.

Yet a quick glance at his academic record might have pigeon-holed Michael David Nighongale as a farmer - and, indeed, to some extent he was that, too, Born in Blackheath, he was the son of a successful City stockbroker who several years later invested in a small estate and farm at Wormshill House in Kent, where Michael Nightingale was to spend much

He went to Winchester, where he led archaeological digs and started a campaign to restore the bells at Wormshill Church - enlisting the help of school contemporaries such as Geoffrey (now Lord) Howe, a lifelong friend. His mother, of Lithuanian descent, died when he was lo. His father almost immediately remarried. whereupon his son demonstrated his independence by moving out of the family

home and setting up in a house nearby. From Winchester he went to Wye College to take a BSc in agriculture although his interest lay less in practical farming than in its history and its impact on the landscape. At Magdalen College, Oxford, which followed, he next read for a BLitt de-



Michael Nightingale at work no his farm on the Nurth Downs of Kent: what interested him most about practical farming was its impact on the landscape

gree by studying the Roman Field System — a subject much more up his street. In 1951 he organised an exhibition in Canterbury Cathedral of some of the treas-

ures from Kenl churches, thereby giving an early indication of the directions he was to follow in later life. In the same year, however, his father, who had not long to live, persuaded him to move into the City to make sure that he earned some

He accordingly became an assistant to

the Iranian Oil Company's investment manager. In 1954 he moved to become the first-ever investment adviser to London University. The need to maintain a growing family

At the same time he was appointed secretary to the Museums Association and editor of the Museums Journal. It was Nightingale who instigated the Regional Museums Service to help the country's smaller museums with expert guidance. He also procured a Treasury grant which enabled the Walker Gallery in Liverpool

to buy Rubens's Holy Family. His own reward was appointment as OBE in 1960 for his services to museums.

kept him, however, involved in the City. He joined Thomasson's, a new merchant bank, in the early 1960s, remaining a director following its merger with the much larger Charterhouse Japhet, but then fell out with the new regime and left in 1970. He next became involved as a director

biggest company of its kind in the Indonesian region - which had just been nadonalised by the socialist Government in Jakarta. Nighongale's agrarian interests, his shrewd, if unorthodox, financial expertise and, above all, his fierce obstinacy. soon proved their worth in negotiations with the Indonesian Government. He successfully won back not only some of the company's estates but also some \$2 million in compensation — half of which had Anglo-Indonesian Plantations — the to be reinvested in the country.

The company later acquired the Chill-inton Corporation, which made high quality agricultural tools for the Third World. and Nightingale eventually became chair-man of Chillinton before leaving the

His ancient Scottish ride arose from his purchase in 1964 of Cromarty House, a fine 18th-century house in the small town of Cromarty, which had historic links with his wife's family. Nighongale restored the dilapidated building and went on to do much more for the town, helping among other things to raise funds for an out-station for both Aberdeen and Robert Gordon Universities.

He also fought a long and bitter battle to prevent an oil refinery from being built on his land along the coast - a fight which once kept the Commons up all night debating it. He lost the fight but arguably won the war, since he received a significant sum in compensation - while

the refinery has never yet been built. He belonged at one time or another to the Commonwealth Development Corporation and a profusion of bodies dealing with conservation issues. He served for a rime on Kent County Council and Maidstone Council — sometimes as a Conserva-

tive and somerimes as an Independent. But Nighongale was never anything but independent. A tall, thin figure with a long beard and a commanding voice, he stood out both physically and figuratively from his fellows. He was essentially a traditionalist who would wear blue serge three-piece suits while visiting remote church missions in the rain forests of Indonesia. He worked tirelessly for his old colleges, whether Winchester. Wye or Magdalen, and was frequently locked in confrontation with the College of Heralds.

He loathed red tape. His refusal to compromise made Nightingale a difficult man with whom to work. But even his crioes had to admit that he was right more often than not, and he usually got his way through sheer "cussed-ness". The number of his enemies, moreover, was counterbalanced by an equal number of close and loyal friends,

His 1951 marriage to his first wife Antonia was dissolved, and in 1956 he married his second wife Hilary, whom he had worked with on the Museums Journal. Michael Nightingale, who had been suffering from cancer for three years, is survived by her and by their two sons and

GERALD COLLIER

Gerald Collier, educationist, died un August 10 aged 88. He was born on March 24, 1910.

FOR 16 years, beginning in 1959, Gerald Collier led Bede College in the University of Durnam to the highest levels of teacher training and education in Britain. A great innovator, he made his influence fell in every area of education from the training of teachers. through research, to the development of audio-visual technology and its introduction to classrooms and lecture halls. He had enormous energy. which was combined with total commitment to the college, his students and staff.

Collier arrived in Durham having spent almost 30 years in teaching and the education of teachers, with a significant break as a wartime industrial chemist in West Cumbria. a part of England he and his wife Gwen never forgot. It was in the course of that break that he resolved to devote the rest of his life to education.

At Durham, all Collier's experience was focused on modernising Bede College in the educational, social and physical sense. Considerable growth occurred. The college at every level became a force to be reckoned with not just in Durham University, but in national and international debates higher education. schools, educational research and the training of teachers.

Kenneth Gerald Collier was educated at Aldenham School, Elstree, from where he went up to St John's College, Cambridge, reading science there. After both a prewar and postwar period teaching in schools, culminating with being the physics master at Lancing, he accepted in 1949 an appointment as a lecturer training teachers at St Luke's College. Exeter. He stayed there for ten years before in 1959 being summoned north to become Principal of the College



Collier made Durham a centre of educational excellence

of the Venerable Bede, Durham, another Church of England college. He was a devoted churchman whose faith and social beliefs were powerfully reflected in his deeply intellectual approach to his work.

He travelled widely - going

twice as a visiting professor to Temple University, Philadel-phia, getting to know a number of European countries, starting with Sweden (where he worked as a translator as a young man), and lecturing for the British Council in India, Brazil and Portugal. He was a highly successful author, whose books included The Social Purposes of Education (1959), New Dimensions in Education (1968) and A New Teaching, A New Learning (1989); he also contributed articles and papers to educational and more general journals. Colher's work influenced thousands of students in many disciplines but "education, education, education" was his philosophy long before it became a political mantra.

On first acquaintance some tended to regard Coffier as austere or even aloof -- probably because he was a little shy and deeply serious - but be was actually very greganous, loving company, dialogue and debate, the arts, theatre and music. He had a wry, self-deprecaong sense of humour.

Gerald and Gwen Collier loved to entertain. Their generous hospitality was enjoyed by a wide circle of friends. A large number of former students and colleagues continued to visit them long after Collier's retirement. After a brief period as an honorary research fellow in the University of East Anglia, 1978-81, the Colliers returned to Durham, where they had spent their most producove and happy years.

His wife survives him, with their two sons.

Hugh Pierce, broadcasting administrator, died in Loodon oo September 10 aged 66. He was born in South Wales on October 13, 1931.

WHEN the official history of RRC local radio proadcasting comes to be written. Hugh Pierce's name will assuredly be more than a footnote. It was he who, as General Manager of Local Radio from 1970 to 1974 land, before that, as Local Radio Development Manager), ensured that the experiment of local broadcasting was successfuly completed thereafter sustained. Pierce's commitment to public service broadcasting and his grasp of the administrative dimension reflected a rare combination of humanitarian values and managerial talent. Hugh Humphrey Pierce

was the son of a doctor, practicising in the interwar years in the mining areas of South Wales, who died when Hugh was only 15 and still a schoolboy at Clifton College. He went from there to King's College London, graduating in 1954 by which time he had already become president of the faculty's law society and of the college union. He was called to the Bar by Lincoln's Inn in

Before setting out on legal practice he did National Service in the Intelligence Corps in Cyprus, then in the midst of civil war. It was to be the determining factor in his career. As a result of his being blown up by a mine, his hearing was seriously impaired. Although he tried to practise on the Wales and Chester circuit, he abandoned advocacy for a career in management and industrial relations. His work was nevertheless usefully tinged with legal acumen.

Pierce arrived at the BBC in 1963 via Kodak, where he had been engaged in administrative and legal work: he had equipped himself with a diplo-

HUGH PIERCE

ma in personnel management and became a member of the Institute of Personnel Management. At the BBC he was the administrative officer and the local radio development manager detailed to implement the recommendations of the Pilkingion Committee for local radio, endorsed by the Labour Government. Originally authorities were made to finance their own embryonic local radio stations, but before long, at an early stage of the experiment, the funding came out of the BBC Ilcence fee. Thereafter, stations, in two batches in the late 1960s, came on stream. The first eight were Stoke, Nottingham, Leicester, Sheffield, Liverpool, Leeds and Durham. A second batch, in early 1970, included Radio London The incoming Heath administrarion favoured commercial local broadcasting, but the BBC did not alter its plans. .

Although possessing no broadcasting Pierce speedily won the regard and respect of his local radio station managers. Any problem that cropped up - and there were many in those pioneering days - was instantly addressed. Whereas today advice and direction would come from headquarters by e-mail. Pierce would hop on the first train to the trouble spot in the provinces. The opposition to BBC local radio was not confined to the politicians. It came in no small measure from those within the BBC. National and regional broadcasting, yes of course; but local stations were really too small to make viable units. That the BBC's local radio stations survive and flourish to this day can in large part be traced to Pierce's

In 1974 Pierce was transferred from local radio to become Controller of Staff Administration, where he worked assiduously in a less congenial environment yet one of supreme importance to the corporation of that time. It



Pierce brought legal acumen to brodcasting and to a range of humanitarian causes

clearly took a heavy toll on his health. A major coronary attack led to his reorement at the early age of 48.

For nearly 20 years he then distributed his talents among a number of worthy causes that matched his civil libertarian views and managerial skills. He was a member of a commission which looked into the services provided by occupagonal therapists. He was a founder member of ICSTIS, the independent regulatory body supervising the premium-rate services on the telephone network. He was for many years a member of the executive committee of the Howard League for Penal Reform and in more recent years was on the Council for the Welfare of Prisoners Abroad. Jusoce was another of his interests in legal reform.

His entry in Who's Who contained an obscure reference to a report for Justice — "Regina v. Iain Hay Gordon, 1953". This was a reference to a case in Northern Ireland in which a Glaswegian serving in the RAF was held to have killed the daughters of a Northern Ireland High Court judge. Gordon was found "guilty but insane" and detained in a mental hospital for seven years, although he was never considered to be mentally disordered

by the doctors. Pierce, together with Fred Lawton QC (later Sir Frederick Lawton, a Lord Justice of Appeall, went on behalf of Jusrice to make representations to the Stormont Government for the release of Gordon. The Minister for Home Affairs agreed, without conceding the propriety of the insanity verdict. Forty-five years later. with the advent of the Criminal Cases Review Commission to identify miscarriages of justice and refer such cases to the

Court of Appeal, Pierce picked

up the threads of his advocacy for Gordon's persistent claims 10 innocence of the crime. Sadly, the case is still being processed and he did not live to see the end of his campaign.

To his friends and a wide circle of acquaintances, Pierce was a most lovable man. He could be, at one and the same time, harshly critical of even the closest friend and yet display the warmest affection towards his instant victim. The habit so disarmed the recipient of the criticism to the point of instant acceptance of the criticism. Perhaps that was the way in which those involved in local radio succumbed so readily to their management at the hands of Pierce.

His wife Rachel, a social scientist of distinction whom he met in their student days at the University of London and married in 1958, survives him with their two sons.

Church news

Appointments The Rev Mark Turner, Curate. Bottesford and Muston, and Harby, Long Clawson and Hose, and Barkestone with Plungar, Redmile and Stathern (Leicester), to be Priest-in-Charge, Thurnby L Lodge Christ Church (same di-

The Rev Kevin Tromans, Curate. Woodhall St James the Great (Bradford), to be Vicar, Liversedge Christ Church, and Hightown St Barnabas (Wakefield).

The Rev Robert Ward, Chaplain RAF Cranwell, to be Team Rector, Blakenall Heath

The Rev Paul Walker, Cu-(Lichfield). rate-in-Charge, Moorside St L Wilfred CD (Durham). Io be Vicar, Norton St Mary the Virgin (same diocese).

The Rev Derek Watson, Assistant Curate, West Acklam (York), to be Priest-in-Charge. Ingleby Barwick within the parish of Stainton-in-Cleveland (same diocese).

The Rev Erik Wilson, Vicar. Hull St Martin with The Transfiguration, and Area Dean of West Hull (York), to be Vicar, Linthorpe (same dio-

Retirements and resignations Rev Fred Bonham,

Team Vicar, Newbury (Oxford) to resign on September The Rev Francis Bown, Vicar, Hull SI Stephen Sculcoates (York) to resign on October 17. The Rev Andrew Brooks, Vicar, Erdington St Chad (Bir-

mingham) resigned on June 30.

The Rev Roger Chadwick. Rector, Egglescliffe (Durham) to resign on October 31. Canon Martin Coombs. Team Vicar, Dorchester St Peter and St Paul (Oxford), to reore on September 13.

Canon Dr Robert Crossley, Team Rector, Camberley St Paul, and Honorary Canon of Guildford Cathedral L (Guildford) to retire on October 31.

The Rev William Ellion, Vicar, Belmont (Durham) to retire on September 30. The Rev David Fletcher, Rector. Oxford St Ebbe with Holy Trinity and St Peter (Oxford). retired on August 31.

Canon Michael Godwin, Vicar, Bramley and Gaffham (Guildford) to retire on Octo-The Rev Bill Griffiths, Vic-

ar, Stockton St James (Dur-

ham) resigned on July 30. The Rev John Hillman, Team Vicar, Syston Team Ministry (Leicester) to retire Au-Canon Arthur Mawson,

Canon and Treasurer, Exeter Cathedral (Exeter) retired on December 31. The Rev Harry Morse, Cu-rate, Downend Christ Church

(Bristol) retired on July 31.

The Rev Clive Morton, Vicar, Birmingham St Peter (Birmingham), to resign on October 14 to train for ministerial service abroad, with permission to officiate in Birming-

The Rev Ken Short, Rector Alfold and Loxwood (GuildE ford) retired on September 3. The Rev Eric Smits, Rector. Brotton Parva (York) retired

HAND TORCHES ON THIS DAY **ALLOWED**

It was announced last night that to assist drivers and pedestrians in black-out conditions it has been decided to relax the present restrictions upon the use of headlamps in motor-vehicles and of hand torches by pedestrians. A suitable type of mask for headlamps has been devised by the Ministry of Home Security and will be placed on the market as soon as possible. When masks of this type are available their use will be compulsory on all vehicles on the roads at night. For

screening headlamps will be allowed un-der the lighting order:-The bulb must be removed from the

the present, unol the new mask is availa-

ble, the following simple method of

offside headlamp. An opaque cardboard disk must be fitted immediately behind the glass of the near side lamp, and must cover the whole area of the glass except for an aperture of a semi-circular shape 2in in diameter, with the base uppermost. The

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In addition to these war-time improvisa tions, motorists were strongly odvised to ovoid night travel. and to use bus and underground

centre of the base must coincide with the centre of the lamp.

The lower part of the reflector must be completely blacked out eg. with black cardboard or paper, or with two coats of matt black paint, up to a distance of half inch above the centre line of the reflector. If these requirements are observed no hood need be fitted. The use of very thin cardboard will facilitate the replacement of the front glass in some types of lamp, but it is essential that the card-

board should be completely opaque. The use of hand torches by pedestri-ans will be permitted subject to the following conditions: The light must be dimmed by placing two sheets of tissue paper or the equivalent over the glass bulb or the aperture through which the light is emitted. The light from the torch at all times must be projected downwards, and all torches must be extinguished during the period of an air raid

warning.
Pedestrians should bear in mind that it is difficult for drivers to see them at night, and the carrying of a white object, such as a newspaper or the wearing of a white article, such as a handkerchief, on the sleeve is recommended. Torches directed vertically downwards may be used by pedestrians to indicate their presence when crossing a road. They must never be directed towards a driver.

Attendon is drawn to the fact that the use of headlamps and torches must cease as soon as an air raid warning is sounded: in such circumstances headlamps and torches must be extinguished immediately.

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Democrats put Starr in the dock

■ The White House mounted a ferocious counter-attack on the special prosecutor Kenneth Starr, accusing him of titillating America in order to humiliate President Clinton.

The President's lawyers and aides fanned out across the nation's airwaves to challenge Mr Starr's legal claims, and to whip up a backlash against him for packing the 445-page report with lurid details of the affair between Mr Clinton and Monica Lewinsky. "Ken Starr is on trial as much as anyone," said Democrat Maxine Waters Pages 1-3, 22, 23

Government faces TUC challenge

Trade union leaders gave a warning that a recession was imminent and launched a comprehensive attack on Gordon Brown's economic policy, including his plans for private sector finance in public projects. The Government is now heading for a surprise defeat at the TUC conference Pages 1, 23, 52

A healing cuppa

The world's biggest coffee-drinking nation has discovered that tea may be the wonder drug of the age. It may have greater antioxidant properties than most fruit and as much goodness as a portion of vegetables ...

Auction conflict

Polar experts have accused Christie's of damaging Antarctica's cultural heritage by auctioning artefacts from Captain Scott and Sir Ernest Shackleton's South Pole expeditions Page 5

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Scary spliced

Melanie Brown became the first Spice Girl to get married and, for once, it was not just the celebrities who were cashing in..... Page 7

Dog ID proposal

Britain's 5.3 million dog owners would be forced to pay for their pets to be identified by microchip and logged on a database under proposals expected to win ministerial support...... Page g

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The first Jewish school to fail an Ofsted inspection has been ordered to rethink a timetable which devotes more than half of

Rewriting history

The earliest writing system was developed in ancient Egypt not Mesopotamia, as scholars have traditionally asserted, says new ...Page 9

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Kohl's Bavarian boost The flagging fortunes of Helmut

Kohl, the German Chancellor. were given a boost from conservative Bavarian voters.... Page 14 Taleban advance

Fears of a military confrontation between Iran and Afghanistan grew after Taleban militia reportedly captured Bamiyan, one of the last strongholds of Tehraneach day to prayer and religious. backed opposition forces in

Flower pots hide £1m of gold

A "treasure map" led police to 330lb of gold ingots in terracotta flowerpots at the villa of Licio Gelli, a convicted fraudster and political éminence grise. The Tuscan property had been seached 35 times without finding the gold, worth more than £1 million, but a map discovered at his Cannes flat revealed the location..



Two blue: Jacinthe Taillon and Kasia Kulesza, the Canadian duo, on their way to earning the top score for a technical routine in the synchronised swimming competition at the Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur. Games reports, pages 38, 39

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Loving struggle: John Bayley describes Iris Murdoch as "formidably learned". Yet now that she has Alzheimer's disease, she is happiest watching children's television. In the first extract from his memoir of his wife and fellow writer. Bayley describes the struggle to cope with her behaviour ... Page 16 High street chic: The latest looks

have been copied by all and sundry, so if you have designer tastes but a tight budget look no further than the high street Page 18 FOCUS

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Tennis: Lindsay Davenport won the US Open title in her first

Hotspur ..

Grand Slam final after overcoming Martina Hingis. Athletics: Steve Backley, in the javelin, and Iwan Thomas, in the 4 X 400 metres relay, provided rare moments of cheer for Great Britain on the final day of the athletics

Football: Middlesbrough ensured

that Paul Gascoigne made a happy

return to White Hart Lane with

a 3-0 victory over Tottenham

Motor racing: Michael Schu-

macher ensured a potentially thrill-

ing finish to the Formula One

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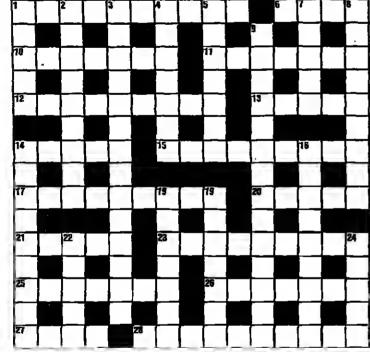
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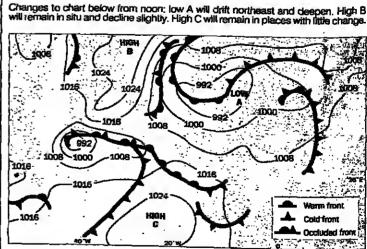
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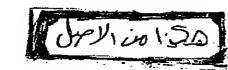


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TWO GOALS BY COLOMBIAN STRIKER LIFTS ROBSON'S SPIRITS



Down and out: Ferdinand, the Tottenham striker, is foiled once more by Schwarzer, the Middlesbrough goalkeeper, on another day of anguish and frustration for the home side at White Hart Lane yesterday. Photograph: Gill Allen

Fumbling Tottenham offer little resistance

THE whisper swirled around White Hart Lane yesterday that Glenn Hoddle had arrived, looking perhaps for an escape route from the siege that has forced him to man the barricades at Lancaster Gate, but if he was here, the England coach had long since slunk away by the final whisile. Even opprobrium is better than the apathy that is spreading contagiously from pitch to terraces and back again at Tot-

tenham Hotspur. The Tottenham fans could barely summon the energy to jeer their team yesterday, so drained were they by a per-formance of a sterility that was barely imaginable. You will hear more laughter in a

This was a joyless occasion for anyone but the travelling supporters, and the smile had certainly been wiped off the face of David Pleat whose honeymoon period as caretaker manager lasted precisely one game. Like Gerry Francis and Christian Gross before him. Pleat is discovering that there is a deep-rooted malaise in the home dressing-room that will not be solved merely by a bit of

tactical tinkering.
It will be a brave manager indeed who accepts this vacancy, and even a man of Hoddle's unparallelled self-belief will wonder if it is a task be-

Glenn Roeder, one of his Hoddle's assistants, was at the game but surely it was not to watch Paul Gascoigne. Hoddle might be without four senfor midfie'd players for next

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month's European champion ship qualifier against Bulgaria, but there seems as much chance of Eileen Drewery fill-ing the void as the Middles-

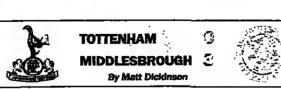
brough puffer. That is not to say Gascoigne performed badly. He put in a quite respectable display, barely wasting a ball. But if Bryan Robson is right in claiming that Gascoigne is now back to full fitness, though, one really does have grounds for worry. Either he is badly misguided or Gascoigne's body has suf-fered more self-inflicted damage than any of us have imag-

This was the England midfield player's first league game at White Hart Lane since May 1991, and he emerged to a generous ovation. The sort of sentimental applause that home fans can afford to indulge on a former player whom they know is past his best.

Still he was a colossus com-pared to Nicola Berti who could not have played worse. Even by their own poor stand-ards of recent times, this was shocking stuff from Totten-

With Middlesbrough fielding a line of five across the back, Les Ferdinand and David Ginola always had two men each to beat. The Frenchman was shackled expertly by Gianluca Festa and without him there was no outlet at all, "Dayid was a mixture," Pleat said, presumably meaning a mixture of bad and indifferent.

Robson, his Middlesbrough counterpart, should have been delighted, but 'cmained defen-



sive and prickly, perhaps un-derstandably so given that his dressing-room has been portrayed as some smoke-filled den of vice where players fritter away their wages around a

"I felt we answered some questions," he said. "People keep bringing things up which

proved what they can do on the pitch.
Their professionalism was questioned but they have made the perfect reply so far, taking heart that we are looking solid now we have five

is very detrimental to the club

so the lads have gone out and

across the back. The last time



Berti leaves Gascoigne foundering in a midfield tussle

we were in the Premiership I think we only won two away games all season and now we

have won two in a week. 'Gazza has been one of better players since the start of the season. They make sarcastic remarks about not finishing games, but I am just bringing him off to protect him from

being injured."
Middlesbrough's victory
was fully deserved and could have been more comprehensive. Colin Calderwood was culpable for the first two goals. although Sol Campbell, who did not look fit, will not be thrilled at his contribution either. Twice the England defender could not stop Mikkel Beck providing the assists for Ricard's strikes.

The first arrived after 26 minutes when the Colombian's one-two with his Danish partner opened a gulf of space in the Tottenham defence. With Calderwood sucked out of position, Ricard could stroll through before placing his fin-

It was a clever move but one that still needed the complicity of the Tottenham defence who obliged again five minutes later. Another neat exchange between Beck and Ricard allowed the latter to once again wriggle free of Calderwood and thump an 18-yard shot past the despairing Baardsen.

Tottenham could barely escape from their own half, never mind put together a penetrating attack as their fragile confidence shattered. "We did not have that zip we had on Wednesday," Pleat said. "Our

build-up was too slow and al-lowed them to sit back and de-

fend the goals. "You try and look for reasons but it is hard. There was just no imagination at all and we did not have enough purpose. The confidence goes too quickly. Maybe some of the players are believing their own reputations although I would hope there is no compla-

cency."
Middlesbrough could have won by more had Baardsen not produced a save of breathtaking agility to tip Beck's

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30-yard drive just wide. Until

the final minutes, the Spurs goalkeeper had been the only home player who could depart the pitch without embarass-

Even he managed to spoil that achievement in the final minutes when Kinder's shot from the edge of the area squirmed through his grasp. "Not many of the players can walk away saying they have done themselves any credit." Pleat said. Make that none of

Preat Said. Wake that none of them.
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Trim Davenport puts the lean years behind her

FROM JULIAN MUSCAT, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT, IN NEW YORK

WHEN Lindsay Davenport decided finally to confront her limitations, she aspired to the standard of the time. That standard has advanced considerably over the past 18 months, making fresh demands of the American, yet she gloriously bridged the divide to overcome Martina Hingis, the defending champi-on, in the final of the US Open at Flushing Meadows.

Here, at last, was a tale of a talent fulfilled in the increasingly precocious environs of women's tennis. Davenport, 22, previously possessed a hunger of appetite over ambition, but she proved to be a revelation, shedding upwards of 28lb and her comfortable, middle-class mind-set to rout Hingis 6-3, 7-5, Only a late wobble from Davenport, who was contesting her first grand-slam final, added respectabil-

ity to the scoreline. Although Hingis is not the force of old, she conceded that Davenport had driven her from the court on Saturday. Hingis played a curious match, her tactical wisdom deserting her as she offered her hard-hitting opponent the chance to indulge. This Davenport did to such effect that Hingis's renowned retrieving was rendered impotent. She simply could not get her racket to the fusillade of missiles

unleashed on her. Davenport emphasised that she could spar with the best when she won the gold medal at the Olympic Games in Atlanta two years ago. The occasion offered a telling insight into her balanced character. Summoned by television to discuss her triumph. she was told to remove all metal objects from her pockets hefore passing through the security check. To the astonishment of the guard, out came the gold medal, which Davenport plopped into a plastic container. She appeared in no great rush to retrieve it on completing her

This was always the way of Davenport, who, in the frantic teenage scramble for success, was notable for her rejection of the concept. Her triumph uprooted the misguided notion that eight-year-olds must practise every God-given hour and develop an addiction for victory. Tennis has always given way to her parents'

concern for normality. Davenport, who stands oft lin. has two older sisters who scoffed at any suggestion that she should drop out of school to play tennis. "f think I'm now a more complete player. she said in the aftermath of

RESULTS

MEN: Singles: Semi-finals: M Phil-ippoussis (Aus) bit C Moya (Sp.) 6-1, 6-4. 5-7, 6-4: P Ratter (Aus) bit P Sampras (US) 6-7, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4, 6-3. Doubles: Final: S Stotle (Aus) and C Sun (C:r) bit M Knowles (Ban) and O Nestor (Can) 4-6. 7-8, 6-2.

bt J Novatna (Cz) 3-6, 6-1, 6-4; L Davenport (US) bt V Williams (US) 6-4, 6-4 Finel: L Devenport (US) bt M Hingis (Switz) 6-3, 7-5.

victory, "but I think I have always been a pretty complete

Her thoughts on the circuit have always made the perfect annidote to the cat-like squabbles of those younger than her. That they have never been amplified is down to two things. Davenport brings no glamour to the mix and she never prevailed on the big occasion. It was convenient to dismiss her as one who could perform anywhere but on the grand-slam stage.

All that changed with this victory. The woman who could be beaten by an assortment of drop shots and lobs has now harnessed her strength to a leaner frame. Her semi-final defeat of Venus

Sampras's game plan hit by injury

FROM JULIAN MUSCAT

HE WAS expecting to reach the locker-room and take possession of a ticket to the men's final of the US Open. He was instead greeted by two doctors who tended his ravaged left leg but could do nothing for his aching heart. Over the next four months, the pain of his semi-final defeat by Pat Rafter will hurt far more than the muscle Sampras strained in the third set of their five-set confrontation late on Satur-

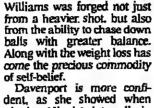
Sampras was attempting to match two benchmarks of excellence in the season's last grand-slam tournament. One was Jimmy Connors's five US Open trophies: the other was Roy Emerson's record haul of 12 grand-slam Otles. The latter is perhaps the ultimate barometer of greatness and Sampras had a clear view of

He had broken Rafter to take control of the third set. the first two having been shared. Then his leg gave out as he dispatched a routine volley. No amount of treatment could repair his mobility as Rafter, the defending champion, held his nerve to close out the match.

Sampras, 27, is now confronted by a lengthy wait to resume the quest that serves as his sole motivation. His record this year is evidence of that he has won Wimbledon and precious little else. The next four months before the Australian Open in January will feel like a prisoo sentence to the man whose enthusiasm for the rigours of daily practice is on the wane.

Physical frailties have regularly undermined Sampras. In every respect, he showed his bravery by beating Alex Corretja in five sets here two years ago after a sustained bout of on-court vomitting. And the calf injury he suffered in the Davis Cup final in December left him underprepared - both mentally and physically - for the Australian Open the following month. His body may be feeliog the effects of a decade

on the circuit. Furthermore, Sampras is enveloped by the loneliness of the long-distance runner. For the past three years, he has been out on his own as the game's dominant force. Rafter represents a new and younger foe gradually chipping away at his once-impenetrable veneer. Sampras has been ahead of record pace throughout his career, but he is now slowing. The intriguing question now is whether he can reach the finishing line ahead of the chasing pack.



nipping Hingis's late rally in the bud. Having won the first set, she fluffed a point for a 5-1 lead and Hingis, as she had in her semi-final defeat of Jana Novoma, responded by winning the next four games to lead 5-4. When Hingis served for the set, however, Davenport crushed three successive returns. So disorientated was Hingis that she double-faulted at 0-40. Davenport won 13 of the last 15 points.

True to form, Davenport was gracious in victory, taking time to relate how gracious was Hingis, both in this defeat and before, when Davenport's burly appearance made her an easy target for teenage snipers in the locker-room. Martina has been the one player that has always been very nice, very funny, so outgoing," she said. "At the end, she shook my hand and said: 'You were too good.' "

This reverse should prompt Hingis, 17, to take a leaf from Davenport's book. She now holds one grand-slam o'tle, the Australian Open, from the three with which she started the year. Uncertainty, both on and off the court, has invaded her to an extent clearly amplified by her post-match thoughts. "After I beat Monica [Seles] in the quarter-finals I was satisfied with myself," Hingis said. "I was so happy. I realised f can still play tennis. had my willpower back. I still had a great tournament to get to the final, but I really didn't know what to do oul

there today." That latter comment was particularly surprising in the light of what has gone before. Last year. Hingis appeared to play by instinct as she swept her opponents away. She now ly fortified Davenport. Hingis is second only to Davenport on the subject of balance, of a sense of proportion, of the need to embrace real life

within the tennis cocoon. "I feel like I put too much pressure on myself at other lournaments after the Australian Open." she said. "I wanted to win the French [in which she suffered a semifinal defeat by Seles but I found it difficult. I just want to have the feeling again of being the best."

The difficulty Hingis faces is that she must endure her growing pains as a world No I whose dominance is subsiding. The cloak of anonymity from which Davenport has emerged cannot protect her from a scrutiny overbearing to one of her years. How she responds to the challenge will shape the rest of her career. Davenport's metamorphosis can only serve to inspire.



Hingis: uncertain

Imost three decades on Australia rules once more

Davenport ended a long wait for her first grand-slam tournament triumph

t has been 28 years since Australia last dominated the US Open. It was 1970 and Ken Rosewall defeated Tony Roche to take the title. They were beady days indeed. Australian tennis was still at a peak, the players travelled as pack, sorted out the silverware between themselves in finals around the world and

beer or six. But within a couple of years, the legends were beginning to retire and there was no one to take their place. And podean hopes have been looking for somewhere to rest since.

then went out to celebrate over

There have been a few false dawns, some of them brighter than others, but the revival has foundered every ome. Pat Cash's arrival as the Wimbledon champion in 1987 looked to be the best bet, but Cash was not one for jumping on anyone's bandwagon. Somewhat prickly by nature and basing himself in London. Australia's bad boy did little to endear himself to the folks back home.

Even the emergence of Pat Rafter and Mark Philippoussis has not been without its problems. Rafter rose as the golden boy, a decent bloke in the old tradicion, only to sink when the pressure crushed his morale and injury squashed his ranking. At the same time. PhilipAlix Ramsay sees two reformed bad

boys end 28 years of frustration

poussis began to climb with a chip on his shoulder and a liking for fast living, fast food and as little work as was burnanly possible.

With neither of them willing to take a back seat to the other, relations in the Australian camp have been less than cordial. Philippoussis turned his back on the Davis Cup team earlier this year, only to turn up on the final day as Australia were beaten by Zimbabwe. He even tried a spot of television commentary and was less then complimentary about his colleagues.Funnily enough, this earned him few friends in the locker-room. He and Rafter hardly spoke, while Mark Woodforde gave him a serious and public

dressing down. Rafter, bowever, had problems of his own. His victory in Flushing Meadows last year seems to have marked the beginning and end of his revival. Initially, he thought that a grand slam title would not change his life, but finally the pressure brought him

"I don't find the Australian public hard to please if you give 100 per cent." be said. The only pressure is when I feel their expectations, but that comes with me and it's

only natural." By the time that both men began their preparations for Wimbledon, they were at their lowest ebb. Philippoussis was talking of giving up the game entirely, while Rafter was having a miserable run and a miserable time. It was a simple message from John Newcombe that broke Rafter's dismal cycle: stop putting pressure on yourself and go out there and have fun. The influence of Cash began

the Philippoussis revival. The two bad boys have made good as Cash has persuaded Philippoussis to lose weight, get fit and concen-trate on the important things in life. Not that Cash lets him do too much thinking for himself, providing the big man with a strict timetable of practice, training and even bedtimes.

The two great hopes for Australian tennis are even back on speaking terms, with Rafter praising Philippoussis for his new, grown-up attitude and predicting great things in the near future and Philippoussis claiming that Rafter's work ethic and success rate have opened his eyes.

It is unfortunate for men

SPORT IN BRIEF

Reid steps up the pressure on Rydell

E MOTOR SPORT: Anthony Reid, driving a Nissan, kept alive his hopes of clinching the Auto Trader RAC British Touring Car drivers' championship with a victory in the feature race at Oulton Park yesterday. The 39-year-old Scotsman also took second place in the sprint race behind James Thompson, driving a Honda. Reid's points gave the Nissan learn an unbeatable total in the manufacturers'

championship with only two rounds remaining.

However, the drivers' title is far from settled. Rickard Rydell, of Sweden, of the Volvo tearn, now heads for the championship showdown at Silverstone next Sunday with an 11-point lead over Reid. Two top-three finishes at Silverstone would secure the otle for Rydell, but Reid said: "This has been a great weekend's work. I would have liked to win twice, but I can't complain. It's going to be a exciting climax at Silverstone."

Sutton in command

ATHLETICS: Marian Sutton won the Bupa Great South Run in Portsmouth yesterday and intends to compete in the Chicago Marathon next mooth. She covered the ten-mile course in 55min 17sec — well down her personal best time of 52min 15sec, set last year. However, fast times were never likely with a biting cold wind blowing off the Solent. Sutton said: "I seem to have a habit of picking races where the weather is terrible."

Ratcliffe takes title

E CANOEING: Paul Ratcliffe, of Great Britain, dominated the slalom World Cup final that was held in Spain at the weekend. Rarcliffe won the final with over half a second to spare from Helmut Oblinger, of Austria. The victory followed his triumph at the European championships two weeks ago and confirmed his position as the world No I, despite an setback in early season that saw him out of a boat for four months with a shoulder injury.

Five-star Hilton

E BALLROOM DANCING: Marcus and Karen Hilton, of England, waitzed into the record books yesterday when they won their ninth consecutive world dance sport championship, at Miami Beach, Florida. The Hiltons, from Rochdale, dropped two out of 75 first places, giving them an overwhelming victory across the five standard dances.

Ganguly goes solo

ECRICKET: Sourav Ganguly led India to victory over Pakistan by six wickets with 6.2 overs to spare in the opening match of the annual Sahara Cup tournament in Toronto. Ganguly took three wickets for 33 with his medium-pace bowling as Pakistan struggled to 189 for nine, then stroked a fluent 54 to help India to easily reach their target.

Easy for England

E FOOTBALL: The England women's team took a hig step towards remaining in the top tier of the game in Europe with a 4-l victory in Romania in the first leg of their Uefa playoff in Campina. The goals were scored by Rachel Yankey and Susan Smith, in the first half, with two more added by Karen Walker, of Doncaster Belles, after half-time.

Glory Hunter

E SHOOKER: Paul Hunter, 19, will be the youngest ompetitor in the Regal Scottish Masters at Motherwell later this month after negotiating three matches in the wild-card play-off competition at Spencers, Stirling. Hunter, the Regal Welsh Open champion, defeated Matthew Stevens, Stephen Lee and Jamie Burnett to secure a place in the 12-man field.

ICE HOCKEY

Ayr enjoy new style to the full

BY NORMAN DE MESQUITA

AYR Scottish Eagles won everything last season, but so much of their success was attributable to Rob Dopson. their outstanding goaltender. who has not returned, that it was thought things might change. They have the Eagles are conceding more goals, but they are also scoring more and Ayr have won all three of their Benson and Hedges Cup games so far.

On Saturday, six different players found the net as they beat Newcastle Riverkings 9-6. in spite of trailing 3-1 late in the first period. Three unanswered goals in the second gave them the lead for the first time, but Newcastle, showing far more spirit than they ever did last season, drew level early in the final session. only for Mark Montenari. Alan Shuler and Matt Hoffman to score in the final ten

Cardiff Devils, who took the Eagles to overtime in last season's play-off final, went into the weekend after two away defeats. A return to home ice did the trick and, backed by Derek Heriofsky's 35 saves, they beat Bracknell Bees 3-0, the first clean sheet of the new season. This was not a friendly encounter and two players from each side were ejected after an altercation in the second period.

There must be some concern in Bracknell, as the Bees, having started the season with a 4-3 win over Newcastle. have managed only one goal in two away games since. while conceding eight. Similarly. Sheffield Steelers have made a slow start and the 6-3 loss to Nottingham Panthers on Saturday was their second in three outings. Losing 5-1 early in the second period, changing Grant Sjerven, the goaltender, for Jamie Hibbert improved matters and only one more goal was conceded. By then, however, the Pan-

thers had done enough to win.

BASKETBALL

Palace on course for oblivion

By Nicholas Harling

IF THE dramatic finale to the game on Saturday at the National Sports Centre thrilled the supporters of London Towers, it utterly failed to raise the spirits of followers of Crystal Palace.

The two clubs merged over the summer, retaining the name of London Towers, but in reality all they have managed to accomplish is to erase the name of Palace, one of Britain's most established clubs and once its most successful, from the Budsweiser

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Palace still provide the home for the newly-amalgamated club for all but a handful of fixtures, which will take place at London's Wembley base, but there the connections end. Of the two Palace players still remaining. Wayne Henry was not even kitted out while Junior Williams made an inauspicious start on his belated entry by immediately giving the ball away.

"Not everybody was overjoyed by the merger," Costi Zombanakis, the former Palace chairman and now one of the new owners, admitted, "but we are hoping that if people are seeing a better quality of basketball, they will come and watch us. We had a long discussion over what the new club should be called, but decided that clearly the idea of a hybrid name wouldn't

All of which was probably lost on Malcolm Leak, one of the Towers' new signings. The last of the American's four three-pointers, which took him to 29 points in all, came with 5sec left against Edinburgh Rocks and gave Towers victory by the slenderest margin, 95-94.

Tony Dorsey contributed 30 points to help Manchester Giants overcome Birmingham Bullets 86-81 in the Nynex Arcna. Greater London Leopards, the champions, beat

Newcastle Eagles 77-73.

**GOLF: SCOT REDISCOVERS WINNING FORMULA AS HE STORMS TO VICTORY IN BRITISH MASTERS** 

Montgomerie back on course

COLIN MONTGOMERIE has been at less than his majestic best this year, yet his innate talent runs so deep that, on occasions, he can rise above his general form and win a tournament. He survived a tense finish to capture the Volvo PGA Championship at Wentworth in May, for example, and gained a rather more emphatic victory in the One-2-One British Masters at the Marriott Forest of Arden course yesterday. his second victory in Europe

Montgomerie becomes inspired at this tough, demanding venue. Since 1994, he has finished first twice and runner-up three omes in five events here. He is as much at a loss to explain this success as anyone, other than say that he likes it and he always plays well on courses that he likes.

#### By John Hopkins, Golf correspondent A more important reason for Montgomerie's improve-

ment is his reunion with Bill Ferguson, his long-time coach, in Ireland recently. As a 10-year-old. Montgomerie caddied for Ferguson, the professional, at likiey Golf Club and, under Ferguson's keen eye, Montgomerie climbed to No 2 in the world before they parted company at the player's instigation late

in 1996. After a bad finish in the US PGA Championship in Seattle last month, Montgomerie realised that he needed help. "My golf was becoming a bit of a struggle and problems were arising that were not

problems before," he said. He swallowed some pride and called Ferguson. "What was happening in Seattle was very poor." Montgomerie said. The ball was going left and left and I was trying to counteract it by hitting it dead right. It was awful. My call to Bill was perhaps a call I

should have made earlier." Montgomerie is now obviously well down the road to ridding himself of that destructive hook. He is noticeably more accurate from tee to green and more confident on the course than he was a few weeks ago. In short, he seems to be regaining his

A measure of his improvement last week was that he was two under par in the acceptable weather conditions of the first two rounds and five under for his last two rounds, when the weather had worsened

He finished seven under par, one stroke ahead of Eduardo Romero and Pierre Fulke. This makes it sound close, but, in reality, it was not. Romero, helped by inspired chipping on his inward nine — he chipped into the hole on the 10th and 11th and went very close on the 18th had a last round of 68, while Fulke had a 67.

Both had finished when

ward nine still to play. Il was over these holes that Montgomerie showed how much his play has improved in the past few days. Whereas in Germany two weeks ago, his wedge play was abominable at omes, on the 13th hole yesterday afternoon he hit a wedge to 2ft for a birdle that gave him a share of the lead.

Montgomerie and Paulo

Quirici had most of the in-

He holed a putt from 8ft on the 14th to take the lead, and then holed from 25ft on the 17th to move to a lead of two strokes. This was a sufficient cushion for it not to matter that he dropped one stroke on the difficult last hole.

such as Quirici and Andrew Oldcorn, who ded with Ignacio Garrido two strokes behind, that their efforts were overshadowed by Montgomerie. Garrido, in particular, must have felt frustrated for, in the second round on Friday, the Spaniard was penalised four strokes for carrying 15 clubs. Montgomerie says that he

is not warried whether or not he wins the order of merit for a record sixth year. Significantly, however, he is competing in the four remaining events and has now climbed to within £35,000 of Lee Westwood, whose hold on the 10p place seems to be weakening. Darren Clarke is £8,400 behind Westwood. For these three men, it is a case now of letting battle

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## German draws level with Hakkinen after dramatic Italian Grand Prix victory

# Schumacher proves ampari campari campa

yesterday. Michael Schu-macher saw his world championship hopes rise as high as the multitude of red Ferrari flags that eventually flew in triumph above the Monza

Schumacher has been involved in a gruelling pursuit of Mika Hakkinen that has lasted 14 races and stretched across four continents this year. He has never led, always being one step behind Hakkinen and a McLaren-Mercudes team that seemed as though it would dominate the season. Yesterday, though, the tide turned towards the German and Ferrari with a tumultuous victory in the Italian Grand Prix in front of

110,000 baying fans, They cascaded on to the track to greet the man who now stands on the threshold of winning Ferrari's first Formula One drivers' championship

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FROM KEVIN EASON AT MONZA

crumbled.

seconds.

Forget high-tech, just

ask your grandmother

Coulthard had been going

faster with each lap and, by

lap No 17, had put more than

nine seconds between his

McLaren and the struggling

Hakkinen, who was being

hunted down by a determined

Schumacher, Even as Schumacher assessed his

overtaking opportunity, Coult-

hard's engine suddenly seized.

points at the Luxembourg

time to stay in the race.

Grand Prix in a fortnight's

Hakkinen said: "I am des-

perately disappointed, but

there is no point in letting

something like this get to you.

You have to get on with the

championship, I can still win

At least David Coulthard

repaired his damaged rela-

tionship with the Ferrari fans,

who had made him a target of

abuse throughout the week-

end after his crash with

Schumacher. After his car

broke down, Coulthard stopped to talk to the fans who

had made rude gestures at

shake my hand," he said. "I

told them they were not being

sporting and they stopped

shouting. At least something

good came from the weekend

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"Not one of them refused to

in 19 years. Schumacher drew level on points with Hakkinen, who finished fourth, but with two races to go, the momen-tum is with Schumacher.

it was not just the adoration of the Ferrari faithful that lifted Schumacher but also the knowledge that he is now within touching distance of the title after winning a race that should have belonged to Mc-Laren and cemented Hakkinen's claim to the title.

The German believed that he had blown his chance with a bad start from pole position that allowed Hakkinen and David Coulthard, his Mc-Laren team-mate, to charge into an imposing lead. "It must have looked like I wanted to go for a walk instead of starting a race," Schumacher said. "Everything that could go wrong went wrong and I realised I had let the

THE comforting and pro-phetic words that helped pro-

pel Michael Schumacher to

victory at Monza came not

from within the high-technol-

ogy world of Formula One,

grandmother (Kevin Eason

The two talk regularly and Schumacher called her for

encouragement after the de-bacle at the Belgian Grand

Prix two weeks ago. "She told me not to be downhearted

about losing in Belgium," he said last night. "She said

everything equals out and that I would probably get something back here. She was

Mika Hakkinen will need

more than the advice of a

grandparent to soothe the

pain of losing a substantial

championship lead with only

two races left. He and

Schumacher both must score

from his 74-year-old

smoke over the circuit. Hakkinen drove blind McLarens through." But the through the billowing smoke and oil and lost sight of the perversity of Formula One was to be unveiled in all its cruel glory as McLaren's day chicane ahead, driving slightly wide.

Hakkinen suffered han-It was enough for Schudling problems from the outmacher to pounce, sneaking inside the McLaren. Hakset and was forced to move over after 12 laps to allow a kinen struggled to fight back. flying Coulthard to press on for what should have been an but it was useless; in those few seconds. McLaren had seen their chances of winning evapeasy victory. It was not to be, orate with the smoke coming though, and the optimism in from Coulthard's engine. the McLaren garage was shattered in those ten conclusive

"It was terrible," Hakkinen said. "I couldn't see and then I was trying to keep Schu-macher back, but the car wasn't right and I knew we were in trouble." Hakkinen hung on, but he was unable to make a dent in the German's lead.

Behind him, Jacques Ville-neuve, for Williams, Eddie Irvine, in the second Ferrari, and Ralf Schumacher, in a Jordan, were buttling for places. Damon Hill put on one of the performances of the day. charging through the field from fourteenth on the grid and eventually finishing an

impressive sixth.

However, the race came to a farcical end for Johnny Herbert, Hill's fellow Briton, who discovered that a mechanic had left a pair of pliers in the footwell of his Sauber. They became trapped under the brake pedal, forcing him into a spin on lap 13. I am not happy at all," was all that an angry Herbert could say.

No such problems troubled Schumacher, whose serene progress was interrupted only by a pit stop on lap No 31. For Hakkinen, the trip to the pits three laps later was a chance to correct the aerodynamic and tyre problems that had slowed him down and launch a huge effort to get back to Schumacher. But almost as soon as the Finn had set the fastest lap, he discovered that he had a serious brake problem that was enough to put him into a spin at the

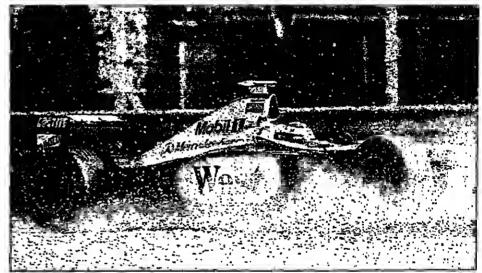
second chicane on lap No 46.
That mechanical failure was
to cost him second place and the lead in the world championship. There was nothing I could do," he said. "It is not good to know you cannot do anything about the situation so I just had to get on with trying to protect my position and getting points."

By the time that Hakkinen got under way again. Irvine on his way to the podium and the second one-two Ferrari finish of the season - and Ralf Schumacher were on his tail and able to overtake easily as Hakkinen struggled on one of the fastest grand prix circuits with defective brakes. It was not just a race lost for Hakkinen, but what could be the defining day of his

championship.



Schumacher has leapt into favouritism for the Formula One world title after Hakkinen, the season-long leader, ran into trouble at Monza yesterday



**EQUESTRIANISM** 

### Westlord carries Clark to victory

BY JENNY MACARTHUR

POLLY CLARK, of Great Britain, a former top Young Rider. gained a surprise win in the Blenheim Horse & Hound international horse trials yesterday when she and Arthur Comyn's nine-year-old Irish gelding, Westlord, were the only partnership in the top five overnight to go clear in a turbulent final showjumping

phase yesterday. Beale Wright Morris, of the United States, on her thoroughbred. Pathfinder, who, like Clark finished on her dressage score, moved from sixth to second place. Kristina Gifford, who thought her chances had gone after knocking down the first fence on The Gangster, moved up one place to third. Pippa Funnell, the overnight leader, on Rainbow Magic, dropped to fifth after incurring ten faults.

Clark, 24, who won Windsor in May on The Tonka Boy. could scarcely believe her luck. I had hoped to finish in the top ten - 1 had never expected to win." she said.

Compared with the relative tranquility of the cross-country, the showjumping phase vesterday was packed with drama. With only six points separating the top six riders, there was no margin for error amongst the leaders.

Maurice, whose mother, Lana Dupont, was in the silver medal-winning team at the 1964 Tokyo Olympic Games, put pressure on the leaders with a clear round. Clark swiftly followed suit. Gifford then incurred her five faults.

The drama began when Lucinda Fredericks, a former winner of the event and lying third, on Dalliance, incurred five faults as well as one time fault. Andrew Nicholson, of New Zealand, lying second, on King Leo, had the hard luck story of the day: a sudden gust of wind caused three fences to collapse around him as he approached the last fence. He finished on ten faults and dropped to seventh place.

It was hardly the most auspicious start for Funnell. who entered the arena as the fences were hastily being reassembled. Rainbow Magic, who had ended his crosscountry jinx with a clear round on Saturday, hit two fences, dropping to fifth place.

Mike Etherington-Smith's course on Saturday proved to be as inviting and straightforward as many of the riders had anticipated. There were only six retirements out of 77 starters. There were 59 clear rounds — II within the time.

The only sour note was the elimination of Bruce Davidson's Man of Stars, who was found to be "marked on both sides" after the cross-country and was disqualified by the ground jury.

RUGBY LEAGUE: REILLY FACES AN ENORMOUS REBUILDING JOB

# Leeds cut Giants down to size

Huddersfield Giants ..... 16 Leeds Rhinos.....72

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

IMAGINE Alex Ferguson taking the managerial seat at Southampton and you have an inkling of the size of move and task awaiting Malcolm Reilly when he takes up the coaching duties at Huddersfield Giants next season.

Reilly's Newcastle Knights side, Australian champions last year, were eliminated in the play-offs on Saturday. which brought his highly successful four-year association with the club to an end. The Tigers fight for deserved draw

A DRAMATIC injury-time penalty from Brad Davis, the

Castleford scrum half, gave Castleford Tigers a deserved

point in a thrilling 32-32 draw

with St Helens at Knowsley

St Helens looked to be

heading for a home victory, as

they led 32-24 with just five

minutes remaining, but Gael

Tallec, a substitute, pulled a

try back for the visitors, which

Davis converted, to reduce the

When the home side were

penalised in the final minute

for interference at the play the

ball in front of their own

posts. Davis kept his cool to

land the penalty.

deficit to just two points.

former Great Britain coach will need a settled stomach to watch the video of his new side

in action yesterday. Not only was it Huddersfield's heaviest defeat of the season - they have managed just two wins in 21 matches it represented the worst performance in three years of the Super League by a home side, beating the 65-12 score by which Wigan hammered St Helens at Knowsley Road in May, 1997.

In the process of compiling the biggest win of the season at the expense of the side rooted to the bottom of the table since April, lestyn Harris, 22, passed 1,000 career

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

way through the half to make it 140, but Castleford hit back

and Dean Sampson, the prop. powered his way over for a

nat-trick of tries in a sensa-

tional II-minute spell. Danny Orr could land just one con-

14 at half-time.

again at 20-20.

version to tie the scores at 14-

Castleford made a dream

start to the second period,

when Francis Maloney raced

60 yards for a fine solo try.

which Orr converted, to give

them the lead for the first time

at 20-14. The advantage lasted

just four minutes, as Tommy

Martyn crossed for St Helens

and Long converted to level it

Castleford edged their

noses in front again when Adrian Vowles crossed, but St

Helens hit back when lan

Pickavance went over for a

points with the fifth of ten successful conversions, since he began his career at War-rington at 17. He further contributed one of 13 tries with a personal haul of 24 points.

With the possible exception Russell, Huddersfield's class act at hooker, Weston in the centre. Sturm at loose forward and Goulding, absent yesterday, Reilly must be looking at re-building the side. Having hired someone of his esteem, it would be pointless of Ken Davy, the Giants' millionaire chairman, to deny him the resources.

Having managed to give Wigan a competitive match

try. St Helens then looked to

have taken a crucial advan-

tage as Martyn grabbed his second try and Paul Newlove

became the first player in

Super League to reach 50 tries

with a further score, but

A 65th-minute dropped goal

from Garen Casey, the manof

the match, gave Wakefield

Trinity enough of a cushion to

beat Hull Kingston Rovers 19-16 and reach the inaugural

first division Grand Final

later this month. Rob Danby

caused a few flutters for

Trinity when his 77th-minute

try for Rovers cut the gap to

three points, but two tries by

Josh Bostock and Martyn

Holland's early opener, cou-

pled with Casey's three con-

versions, proved enough to

give the hosts the edge for the

first time in four meetings

between the sides this year.

Castleford had other ideas.

peformance was all the harder to explain or excuse. Leeds barely broke sweat as they rattled up 40 first-half points in the space of 29 one-sided There was a lull of 19

started the one-way traffic and the Giants' defence collapsed altogether late on. Four times in the opening period, Arnold, the unfortunate Huddersfield full back. was caught flat-footed or out

of position in the blur of

minutes before Harris re-

passing blue shirts. Britain for the first time. The first try in the third minute summed up the game: hapless defending, Farrell muscularly charging into space and then balletically stepping Arnold to release Rivett for the first of his two

in the shape of Arnold, was again beaten with consummate case by Blackmore, twice in seven minutes. Sinfield, 18 on Saturday. laid on the first of Godden's

procueing it incoucht.

Huddersfield's thin red line,

brace with his first touch off the bench. The youngster, of whom much is expected, took his own scoring chance well, as Cummins, with his seventeenth try of the season, and Newton

joined in the spree.

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teleree: R Connolly (Wigan).

## ATHLETICS: BACKLEY'S WIN CLOUDED BY TEAM DISAPPOINTMENT Thomas proves exception

#### Banks aims to play host in 2003

TONY BANKS, the Minister for Sport, wants Great Britain to host the 2003 world championships as the first big international sports event at the new national stadium at Wembley (David Powell writes). Banks, here to sup-port the British team at the World Cup, said that the Government was keen to see the championships brought to

After encouragement from Primo Nebiolo, the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) president, Britain is set to bid. The IAAF has put back its bids deadline to October 31 to accommodate Britain and, after meeting Nebiolo, Banks said: "We have expressed a great interest in hosting 2003. We have also said we want it to be the international curtain-raiser

for Wembley." A 2003 bid would be Natlonal Lottery-dependent, but Banks said: "We have to look at the cost. It is not massive, but it is significant in that we will have to get the agreement of the Sports Council."

Less than a year ago, such a olan would have been unthinkable, given that the sport was bankrupt and in turmoil. However, Britain won the European Cup, finished top of the medals table at the European championships and is well on its way to a new

Work on Wembley is expected to begin next year, ready for the 2002 FA Cup Final, though planning permission has yet to be given.

as Britons fail to rule SCHOOL may not be out yet for Britain's athletes — just the Commonwealth Garnes to FROM DAVID POWELL

come in this most demanding of summer seasons - but there was a distinct end-ofterm feel to the team performance on the last day of the World Cup here yesterday. At least Steve Backley and Iwan Thomas kept up appearances, even if their classmates had stuffed their ties into their back pockets.

Backley won the javelin and Thomas promoted Great Britam from fourth to second place on the last leg of the 4 X 400 metres relay. How Thomas's effort and determination, in the style and class of his individual 400 metres victory on Saturday, contrasted with some of his colleagues.

Dalton Grant laughed in the landing bed at his woeful failure in the high jump. Doug Turner conceded a point in the 200 metres by easing up before the finish and Colin Jackson seemed hardly to care that an official robbed him of victory in the 110 metres

hurdles. The Britain men finished sixth of the eight teams and, though a handful more points would have taken them to fourth, they fell well short of Germany, the leading country. The top two places went to Africa and Europe after an

extraordinary finish Masavoshi Kan may never match Marion lones in the stardom stakes, but he was as popular as her here for a few brief seconds. When Kan,

the cars whiskers: Sprite

ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT IN JOHANNESBURG

running the last leg of the 4 X 400 metres for Asia, went past Pawel Januszewski a metre from the line in the last event of this three-day tournament, it guaranteed Africa the men's cup. Entering the last event, Africa trailed by two points,

needing to beat Europe by three places in the relay to complete a hat-trick of World Cup triumphs. The Africa quartet crossed the line fourth. while, just behind, Europe held sixth place - and the cup - until Kan rerouted it. Africa effectively won the cup by one hundredth of a second.

Jones suffered her first de-

feat of the year after 38 wins in her various disciplines. After winning the 100 and 200 metres, she was beaten by Heike Drechsler, from Germany, in the long jump. The weather was not what you

Jones: first defeat

expect of South African springtime, but Jones did not use that as an excuse. "I just did not jump as well as I should," she said. "My hat is off to Heike."

The removal of hats was not recommended. The tempera-ture fell to 7C, it rained and many athletes competed in rights. Soll, Jones had the comfort blanket of taking her prize-money from the past two weekends to \$753,000 (about £470,000). She can afford not to worry about the \$30,000 that defeat by Drechsler cost

Jackson, too, shrugged off a \$30,000 loss. He left with the \$20,000 runner-up purse, rather than the \$50,000 for winning, after Falk Balzer, from Germany, had beaten him. Or, rather, the starter had. Balzer, as the electronic reaction times proved, got off

to a flyer.
"Why do they have these reaction omes when they do not do anything about them?" Max Jones, the Britain performance director, said. Jackson, though, was more phlegmatic. The start is always at the discretion of the starter and, if he thinks it was not a false start, there is nothing we can do," he said. The margin between Jackson and Balzer

German's gain on the start. The African men won, but they did not stop to celebrate.

Too cold and wet. The band played on through the closing ceremony, but, by the time it had finished, the stadium was

was 0.01sec, less than the

#### St Helens, in fourth place, had made a flying start and soon led 12-0, through a try by Brett Goldspink and three goals from Sean Long. Long added a further penalty mid-

# FA Carling Premiership: Coventry overrun by display of supreme efficiency at Old Trafford

# Ferguson's wealth of talent pays dividend

wiping away a few traces of chester, but the match at Old Trafford was as drowsy as an aflernoon at the fireside. Any alarm in the stands came with

By Kevin McCarra the announcement that the roads were strangled by the visit of 100,000 people to a new shopping centre. There was a murmur of disquiet, because the thought of going home was already prominent in the minds of the

Dullness can have its satisfacdons. To a Manchester United supporter, it is a sign of wellbeing. proof that their team is again establishing its authority. Good footballers are capable of bringing a twinkle to the eye, but they can also make it glaze over when they are going about their work well United threw their presence about and forced the visitors to huddle on the edge of the action, so denying the game any drama or interest.

Ferguson's side had scored their goals by the third minute of the second half and only then were Coventry City allowed to intrude. Barry Quinn, a Dublin teenaget who made a forthright debut, lifted a shot over the crossbar from close range, but his team-mates were so bashful that they might as well have been overawed day-trippers on one of the tours of Old Trafford.

Gordon Strachan, the Coventry manager, was briskly dismissive when the suggestion was proffered that there had been improvement after the interval. "Propaganda," he retorted. For the unsparing truth, he turned to the analogy of the golfer who is six over par after the first three holes of a medal round and then, with hope gone,

performs impeccably. "He wonders why he didn't play like that from the start." Strachan said, "but he didn't relish the challenge when he still had the medal card in his hand." Painstakingly tended though the Old Trafford turf may be, it was the equivalent of bunker-pocked ter-

Instead of sand trap, there was the man trap of the United midfield. Pursued and tackled. Coventry were stapled to the turf and incapable of advancing. "You see players like Giggs chasing back." Strachan said. "They are probably millionaires and it is pride, not money, that motivates them. The



hunger is excep-tional. I think they get it from the manager, don't you?"

still be an irrelevance in certain respects, but the pitch is not free of financial considerations. Is Dwight Yorke worth £126 mil-

lion? That sort of question abstruse and any answer would be contested. The practicalities of the matter are that United could afford to pay such a sum to Aston Villa and now enjoy a significant advan-tage by calling on the forward's services. With his third goal for United, he opened the scoring against Coventry. Giggs sent over a deep cross and Hedman, the Coventry goalkeeper, was unable to punch clear, so leaving Scholes to square the ball to Yorke, who brushed it into the net. The enore move had begun with a lay-off by Yorke that set Solskjaer running.

In addition to technique and imagination, the recent signing has a robustness that prevents defenders from knocking him aslde and gives him the stability to direct passes. That strength in the torso is important to United, who have recently lacked a forward who can hold possession and thus allow the team to dictate play around the opposition's penalty area.

Yorke was also involved in the second goal. His shot was blocked on the line and the drive from Scholes that followed was turned in by Johnsen. The Norwegian was to injure an ankle late in the game, but Ferguson is hopeful that he will recover in time to resume his central defensive partnership with Stam against Barcelona at Old Trafford, in the Champions' League, on Wednesday.

After some tittering over mishaps when playing for Holland at the World Cup, Stam. the £10.75 million acquisition from PSV Eindhoven, is now operating with the grim decisiveness that wipes the smile off a forward's face. Yorke and Stam, men with a total value of more than £23 million, proved too much for Coventry. No wonder the visitors were dazed. They had been clouted with a sack

Of Money.

MANCHESTER UNITED (4-4-2): P Schmelchal —
G Noviki, J Stam, R Johnsen (sub: H Berg, Bärnn),
P Novike — O Beckharn (sub: N Butt, 78). R Koane,
P Scholes, R Gygs (sub: J Börnqvist, 78) — O Solskjaer. O Yorka
COVENTRY COTY: (4-4-2): M Hedmann — R Shaw,
G Brean, J-G Walkerne, O Burrows — M Edworthy,
G Boateng, B Outrin, P Taffer — D Dublin, D
Hucketby (sub: P Hall, 73).
Referee: U Resnile



Yorke establishes control in spite of a challenge by Breen, the Coventry defender

# Gullit dismisses Shearer stories

RUUD GULLIT has bluntly predatory clubs beginning to circle St James' Park that Alan Shearer will not become the first highprofile player to leave Newcastle United since his appointment as

Reports over the weekend suggested that Internazionale were on the verge of bidding £20 million for the 28-year-old England captain, who scored two goals in Newcastle's 4-0 victory over Southampton on Saturday. Other re-ports linked Shearer with Aston Villa, Chelsea and Liverpool.

The basis for the reports are varied, including Shearer's genuBy George Caulkin

ine dismay at the fiming and manner of Kenny Dalglish's unceremonious exit, a supposedly cool relationship with Gullit and the manager's oeed to generate income to restructure the team.

However, Gullit said yesterday: "Alan Shearer is not for sale. I want him to be part of Newcastle United. He is in my plans and he knows that. He's staying for sure and I have the final decision." He then added: "I don't know if he wants to be part of it."

Uncertainty also surrounds other members of the squad. Stephane Guivarch, the France forward, bas not yet figured in a team picked by Gullit, Steve Watson, the defender, has attracted the interest of Southampton and Sunderland while David Batty may be a target for Villa and Leeds United,

bis former club. Meanwhile, despite Gultit's strenuous denials last week.
Newcastle remain in the hunt for Rul Costa, the Portugal midfield player, while Dion Dublin, of Coventry City. may be another leading target.

John Gregory, the Aston Villa manager, is hoping that his side's excellent start to the season will persuade Mark Bosnich not to leave at the end of the season.

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players' confidence

before their next fix-

He will gloss over

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canter, without play-

ing anywhere near their best. He will

ignore the fact that

ture, at Anfield.

# Merson joins the party as Villa enjoy their \* life at the top

months ago. John Gregory arrived at a Villa brink of implosion. Brian Little. given up the ghost amid persistent dressing-room bickering languished in fifteenth place in the FA Carling

**ASTON VILLA** WIMBLEDON By Russell Kempson

Premiership.
Today, Villa lead the Premiership, having finished seventh last sain, naving imission several last season, and open another Uefa Cup campaign when they play Stromsgodset, of Norway, in the first leg of a first-round tie at home tomorrow night. Gregory's record. either side of the summer break, is 3 wins and one draw from 16

Yotke, Milosevic and Staunton may have gone and Collymore is only rarely glimpsed these days, but Barry, Hendrie and Joachim have taken over. Youthful, energetic cogs in a liberally oiled machine; a team in every sense of the word, unlike the argumentative bunch of underachievers that Little could no

longer control. And now there is Merson, too; the recovering alcoholic, gambler and drug abuser, the £6.75 million purchase from Middlesbrough last Tuesday. If his personal rehabilitation continues and his football also stays healthy, the best of Villa may be yet to come. Merson made a quiet debut against Wimbledon. often lost in the grey area between nut-and-out striking and dropping too deep to gain possession. He grafted, though, with twice as much zest as many players who have never once touched a drop or ounce of the hard stuff. "A lot of things were strange to him." Greg-ory said. "He'll get better." An analysis of Gregory's 13

victories reveals only three of them against leading Premiership contenders - Liverpool, Chelsea and Arsenal. Gregory is aware of the facts, accepts the doubts cast by those in the know, but lives for the moment when he can disprove their theories. It should come in November and December, when Villa play Liverpool, Manchester United and Arsenal in successive home games.

People say we haven't played anyone yet, but Wimbledon were fourth in the league, undefeated and had just beaten West Ham 4-3 after being 3-0 down," he said. "It's a bit scary being at the top. The expectation level goes up another notch and we have to see if we can deal with it. We've got to block out the euphoria. Everyone wants to see us play the Liverpools and

we can cope with that quality of Wim bledon

were unhinged half an hour. only two free Leaburn was

sent off on the stroke of half-time. He appeared to claw back Ehiogu. denying him a goalscoring oppor-tunity, and was dismissed by David Elleray, the referee.

Merson took the penalty Thompson had missed one il minutes earlier, his second spot-kick error this season, after Perry had tugged at Joachim — and although Sullivan blocked it, Merson followed up to dispatch the rebound. In the bad old days. perhaps he would have ventured a bob or two at 5-1, available around the ground, on himself to score the

Predictably, Joe Kinnear, the Wimbledon manager, moaned about the decision by Elleray. There was no malice, it was just clumsy." he said. "A penalty was enough, he didn't need to send him off." The Football Association might be interested in a full. transcript

Elleray was unrepentant. "Leaburn grabbed Ehiogu, he used an arm to restrain him," he said: Once I'd penalised him, it had to be a red card. It didn't seem to be a big issue and half the Wimbledon players shook my hand at the end. They don't usually do that if they think you've had a bad game."

After only nine minutes, Elleray had had to change his shirt swapping it for a white, XXL Villa training top - as it clashed with the dark blue kit of Wimbledon. "Several players complained and Alan Thompson told me: 'I keep marking you," Elleray said. Kinnear did not see the joke, "The Villa shirt suited him," he said. "He must have felt more comfortable in it."

Villa wrapped it up in the 57th minute, when favior volleyed Joachim cross into the ground and past Sullivan via a post. Thereafter. they strolled to the top - three points clear and in good heart to take on Stromsgodset. The number plate on the burgundy Rolls-Royce of Doug Ellis, the Villa chairman, gleamed in the car park. Rarely bas AV 1" been more appropriate. AV 1" been more appropriate.

ASTON VILLA (3-5-2): M Bosnich — U Emogu, G
Southgale, G Barry — G Charles, L. Hendrie, L
Taylor (sub: M Drapor, Bibmin). A Thompson (sub:
S Grayson, 74), A Winght — P Merson (sub: R
Scimeca, 90), J Josephin
WIMBLEDON (4-3-3): N Sullivan — K Curringhem. C Perry, B Thatcher, A Kemble — A Roberts,
R Earle, J Euel — M Hugries (sub: M Kennedy,
83), C Leaburn, M Geyle (sub: E Ekolu, 73).
Referee: O Elleray.

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# Stimac hands out lesson to Charlton this morning, he will accentuate the posi-

OUTSIDE the impressive edifice of the new West Stand at The Valley, spectators squeezed towards the exit gates like grains of sand in an egg timer. "This is just like it used to be," a voice com-plained, his shoulders crushed against others on either side,

his feet barely break-

ing into a shuffle. "You know, on the old East Stand, you couldn't move up there. This is just like the Fifties."
"Don't worry, it won't be long before all these have gone again," his friend replied, casong a withering glance at the sea of bodies around him. The novelty will start wearing off when we

keep losing every week." It was a comment laced with cynicism, but forgiveable in the cir-cumstances. He knew what he had just seen and was not going to pretend it was anything other than salutary. Those spectators will be back, sucked in by the chance to see top-level football at the old ground after all those years of pining and frustration, but the optimism that they brought with them on Saturday may not last very long - not after days tike this, anyway.

They were good, weren't they, strong in every area," another supporter said, a little distance away in the same, slow-moving mass of bodies. "Very impressive, good at the back, dangerous going forward." Was he talking about Charlton? "Especially that Stimac, he ran it. didn't he?" Ah. no, Derby County and their dominant

Croatian sweeper-cum-quarterback, "I thought it was a bit harsh, we have had a harsh lesson in the goals we conceded. They were caused by bad defending, but I thought we played well, created decent opportunities and their keeper has made four or five decent saves." At last, somebody looking on the bright side, but then Alan Curbishley, the Charlton manag-er, had to. When he goes into training





DERBY By Peter Robinson

> they were not exactly cuphoric afterwards, but frustrated, complaining about some dim refereeing, a ludicrous penalty decision that robbed them of a clean sheet and their own failure to score more goals. He will probably tell the lads that if they continue to work as hard, their turn

> witt come. They may even believe him. Sadly, the truth is that Derby simply knew too much, that Baiano up front and, especially, big Igor Stimac domi-nated proceedings utterly. From the moment that Wanchope slotted in the opening goal after five minutes. Bohinen having stepped lightly over Sturridge's header, there was only

Baiano wrapped things up from a free kick on the hour, cutling in a shot while defenders stood and watched, and Mendonca's late penalty, after Delap had tackled Mortimer, was barely an afterthought, even if, had Hunt's close-range effort moments earlier gone in instead of hitting a post. it could have been an undeserved

All in all, it was a cautionary tale for Charlton - and, in fact, lor Derby, who managed to pick up five of the game's seven bookings, including a fourth in four matches for Stimac. "I thought the refereeing was funny, yes, funny is the word," he said later. Not

Rumy is the word, he sale later, not as in funny ha ha, though.

CHARLTON ATHLETIC (peechs, 44-2): S he — O Mais, S Brown, E Youds, C Powell — S Nowton (sub. S Jones, 72mm), N Redigan, M Kinsefa (sub. P Mortimer, 45), J Robmeon — C Mendonca, A Hunt DERBY COUNTY (possible 3-4-3): R Hoult — S Phot. I Strace, J Laursen — R Delay, L Careley, L Bohmen, S Schnoor (sub. O Powell, 45) — O Sturnidge, F Bachro (sub. S Penno, 57), P Wanchope Relatest M Reed

# Everton left open to cheap gibes

ing every FA Carling Premiership match at Everton is lower than for any other club this season. If the Goodison Park directors are proud of that fact, they should not be, for the bargain-basement season-nicket price does not include

THE cost of watch-

By Stephen Wood medical bills once insanity takes hold. Dreams may come cheap for Everton supporters, but the harsh reality of life in a blue shirt is pitiful. Leeds United, a rampant Leeds no less, a Leeds that had just scored three goals in one match, were the latest visitors to be brainwashed in football's equivalent of a torture

chamber. There were three moments provided by Everton on Saturday that threatened to lift the gloom of an encounter that George Graham, the Leeds manager, understated nicely as "poor". The home side seemed intent on scoring from as far out as possible, with Alex Cleiand and John Collins, twice, trying to catch Nigel Martyn off his line.

In the context of any other afternoon. those attempts could have been seen as inspirational, adding a touch of frisson to the occasion. However, for Everton, a team still looking for their first goal at home, it smacked of desperation. When they did venture into the

penalty area, the end product was embarrassing, highlighted by Duncan Ferguson's right-foot shot from five yards that would not have reached the goalline if a gust of wind had not whipped up at the right moment

It says much about these respective clubs' expectations that Everton were given a standing ovation after the final whistle, mainly because of the way that they held out in the last half-hour with ten men after Olivier Dacourt's dismissal.

Leeds had gone to the top of the FA Carling Premiership this week — albeit briefly - and Graham is under no



**EVERTON** LEEDS

the process, and then they expect him to deliver success. Graham has a hefty budget to help him to complete his squad, but he gave a

illusions. The sup-

porters expect him to honour his con-tract, resisting any overtures from Tot-

tenham Hotspur in

hint as to why he may not be totally happy and committed to the task at Leeds. "I want to bring players in, but what quality players are available at this stage of the season?" he said. "I should have been told I had money to spend over the summer." The victory was theirs for the taking, but only when Derek Lilley, the substitute, brought a sturning save from Thomas Myhre five minutes from time did Leeds mount any from time did Leeds mount any.

concerted pressure. Everton are a meek proposition when the trio on whom they rely for creativity - Dacourt, Collins and Barmby - are swamped, while Ferguson, although he tries manfully, cannot perform the combined tasks of ten other players. Dacourt did his best to add some spice to the event, but it resulted in a second yellow card and a dismissal on 55 minutes. Everton fans howled their disgust at Neale Barry. the referee, but Dacourt was foolish for clipping Lee Bowyer's heels

unnecessarily.
Walter Smith, the Everton manager. praised his side's spirit and Graham was also kind on the home side. "They are going through a transitional period at the moment and you can understand they do not want to lose, he said. The fans will not be so forgiving after many more afternoons such as this, even it

THORE ARTEMOORS SUCH as this, even in they are let in for free.

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By Keith Pike

the first twinges of anxiety.

from their fourth draw io succes-

sion, Arsenal had produced a performance that was a pale

imitation of the type that swept

them so gloriously to the Double

just four mooths ago. And not for

The problems stretch from back

to front, from on the pitch to off it.

David Seaman, the outstanding England goalkeeper of the Nine-ties, might at present struggle to justify his position as the best at his

club, where Manninger is in the

wings, never mind in the country.

Beaten from outside the area for

Leicester City's goal, his hesitancy

might have cost two more and put

the match out of Arsenal's reach.

His hat-trick in this fixture last

season was one of unforgettable

quality, but now his contribution

amounted to a couple of classy

routinely - and this. Wenger said

without a trace of irony, was the

Dutchman's most impressive dis-

indeed be partly to blame -

Adams was in need of a rest with

the season less than a month old.

and how Arsenal missed his

physical presence and inspiration-

al leadership - but that is no

excuse for the fact that Wenger was

Heskey: powerful

ther, that one possible solution just

happened to have signed an ex-tended contract for Leicester and

scored their goal, finishing a powerful run with a shot to match

as the Arsenal central defenders, untypically, backed off. Emile

Heskey, Wenger admitted, "would be ideal" for his side. "Unfortu-

nately. Leicester did not want to

It would be no surprise if they

With Clinton on the morning's

tie-up with Arsenal on the

front pages and Cariton's pro-

back the other C-word, quite

properly, did not surface. But it

would not take an awful lot more

of this kind of performance for

coocern over Arsenal's shortcom-

ings to become something more

Lens, Weoger said, are a dynam-

ie side who will pose a severe test

in the Champions' League on

Wednesday and, should Arseoal

lose to Manchester United on

Sunday, they could find them-

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Post-World Cup fatigue may

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**LEICESTER** 

ARSENAL

## FA Carling Premiership: Hartson exploits Liverpool's tactical error



Hartson's header eludes Friedel with the aid of a deflection off Carragher to give West Ham the lead against Liverpool. Photograph: Dylan Martinez

THERE was no shame for those of us who had confidently predicted a Liverpool victory on Saturday. How were we to know that the result had been fixed at a time when most of us were still crunching our Cornflakes?
It was around then that Liver-

pool's Brains Trust lost the plot and opted to place Michael Owen in solitary confinement up front. Proof, then, that two managers can still make one ludicrously bad decision.

In London, meanwhile, lan Wright had picked up the tele-phone to call John Hartson for a conversation that went something like this. "John? Wrighty here. Me and you, we're gonna murder them this afternoon. See you at three and be ready to rumble."

Whatever the exact transcript, it had the desired effect in shaking Hartson, and thus the rest of the West Ham United side, from the sombre introspection that threatened to engulf them after their surrender to Wimbledon on Wed-

nesday night.
That final hour, when a 3-0 lead became a 4-3 defeat, was the stuff of nightmares. The demons needed exorcising and who better to send them scurrying for cover than the fearsome duo who lead the West

The Welshman, in particular, was outstanding, a raging bull of a striker whom Liverpool could not

# Anfield double act fluff their lines

have found just the partner to goad him to his fiery best.

"I love playing with Wrighty now, but I didn't at Arsenal." Hartson said. "I used to get embarrassed because I was in awe of him. I was young, he was the man. I was in his shadow and I would hide if things weren't going well. I would go off into a corner

and my touch would disappear. "Now it's great because he helps bring the best out of me. He rang me at 10.30 in the morning to tell me we were going to murder them. It's the first time he's done something like that and it was brilliant.

With him on my back, I can't get lazy like I did last season, when I scored 23 goals and got complacent. Now he's on at me. You either love Wrighty or hate him, but you won't hear a bad word about him in our dressing-room."

Vindication indeed for Harry Redknapp's decision to plump for Wright rather than Mark Hughes when the old firebrands became tame, and, in Wright, he appears to available in the summer. Red-



knapp has to live on his wits and appears to be thriving on it. If only the same could be said for Liverpool. Top of the FA Carling Premiership, they came into this game on the back of two exhilarating displays. Their opposition, after the calamity on Wednesday, could not have been more fragile.

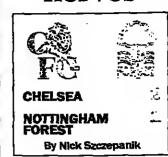
So what on earth possessed them to drop the in-form Karlheinz Riedle and bring in Steve Harkness to reinforce a midfield that was hardly likely to be overrun by Frank Lampard and John Moncur? It was madness and neither Roy Evans nor Gerard Houllier could offer a decent explanation. "Karlheinz is 34," the French half of the double act said, "You have to be careful. We decided to play an extra man in midfield because of West

"Riedle's workrate in the first four games has been phenomenal Evans piped up alongside him. There are always going to be difficult decisions and we won't always be in synch, but we took this one together." Which is even more worrying because it means that they both read the game very, very

Whatever the misguided thinking, the outcome was that Owen was left so isolated that his teammates could not even hear his cries for help. Even more disturbing was the failure to recognise the error until they were two goals in

The signs of impending doom could be seen as early as the fourth minute, when West Ham took the

Zola helps Chelsea to overcome nerves



IT HAS taken four attempts, but Chelsea's expensively assembled side has finally won an FA Carling Premiership match. So then, was there described in the control of the cont there dancing in the streets of SW6 to cetebrate the start of a serious championship challenge? Muted applause, actually, reflecting the ridiculously hard work that Chelsea had made of beating an injuryhit underfunded Nottingham

If Gianluca Vialli, the Chelses player-manager, was worried by a confidence crisis that afflicted his team io a nervy finale, he put a brave face on it. "I'm happy because I've seen improvements, he said. "For 70 minutes, we played really well; when they scored, we were a tittle scared and could have drawn a game we should easily have won.

Some might enjoy the idea of one of the Premiership's undoubted haves being "a little scared" by one of the have-nots, but Vialli was correct; for the first hour and more of the game, Forest were overrun. Even with Laudrup benched until stoppage time and Casiraghi yet to score. Chelsea might reasonably claim that they could have doubled or trebled their score but for Dave Beasant, the Forest goalkeeper, who had an outstanding game against one of his many former

True, he was beateo in 24 seconds, when Casiraghi's muscle enabled Gianfranco Zola to bend a shot round him, and again after 34 minutes, parrying Babayaro's header only to see Gustavo Poyet heading in the rebound. But Beasant was imbeatable after that, defying Zota, in particular, on several occasions and, when Forest finally came out of their shell, it seemed that be might have kept his side within reach of a point.

To some extent change was forced on Dave Bassett, the Forest manager, when Geoff Thomas limped off — he will have a scan ment damage — but the introduc-tioo of Marlon Harewood, a second forward, gave Chelsea problems for the first time and Quashie sprang the offside trap for Darcheville to pull a goal back with 20 minutes left. Why had Bassett waited for so long to abandon the 4.5-1 system that clearly frustrated the Forest supporters?

"It's easy to criticise that system.



Beasant outstanding

but it's worked well at Arsenal and Southampton," Bassett said. "We altered it and got back in the game, but we might have gone on to lose three or four-nil. Everyone's got an opinion, but we've got to get the best out of what we've got."

To those who had just been listening to Vialli discussing the difficulties of keeping happy the squad of "22 great players" occessary for success, Bassett's remark was a further reminder of the financial inequalities within the top division — not that the Forest manager, who has been advanced only a fraction of the money that the club hopes to raise from the eventual sale of Pierre van Hooijdonk, was looking for

sympathy.
"We still think we can do well," he said. "We can't afford Desailly and that type of player, it's out of our range, but we can compete because there are other clubs not loaded to the eyeballs with money." Instead of hard cash, be said, brains, tactics and other intangibles will come into their

"I'm pleased with the players' spirits today. When I first came to Forest, they weren't even trying. Now we've got some determination and some spirit and we've got some decent players. I think I'm fortunate to be the Forest manager." Vialli, for his part, will consider himself fortunate not to face an in-form Beasant every week.

CHELSEA (4-4-2): E de Goey — O Petrescu, M Duberry, F Leboeut, G Le Saux — G Poyet (sub: B Lambourde, 84mm), M Desatly, E Newton, C Babayaro — G Zola, P Caérragh (sub: B Laudrup, 90) Lauduup, 90)
NOTTINGHAM FOREST (4-5-1): O Beasant, — T
Bonalar, S Chettle, C Armstrong, A Rogars —
S Stone, A Johnson, N Quashe, G Thomas (subM Herewood, 59), A Gray (sub. O Lyttle, 66) —
J-C Darcheville

Southampton's plight leaves Jones at a loss

nation a broken man, his face worn and grey, his eyes bereft of light. There had been other unhappy also forced to withdraw Vieira, bis moments - four in the previous month, to be premost important and combative midfield player, for fear of Arsenal cise - but his team's careless dalliance with the incurring their third red card in sexy little number in the successive matches. Their lack of black-and-white outfit fidiscipline is a nettle that Wenger nally revealed the truth to As he contemplated his team's Dave Jones, the Southlack of fluency and firepower, it cannot have helped Wenger, eiampton manager, on Saturday. Impeachment remains a distinct

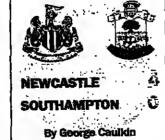
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Understandably, his first reaction was one of bafflement. Jones said that "nine times out of ten" his namesake, Paul, would have repelled an early long-range effort that led to a riven opposition gaining the lead; that the dismissal of Jason Dodd, for handling inappropriate material, was "unwarranted".

And then came the bitter, brief rebuttal. The spirit in the camp is good, despite what some newspapers have been saying," Jones said. "There are no rifts and no one has asked me for a transfer. I have no problems with Matt Le Tissier and no problems with Egil Ostenstad. It's annoying for everybody concerned to read otherwise."

This was no sermon from a presidential pulpit, but pure street-fighting. It was appropriate: Southampton are in the gutter. Five matches, five defeats and the worst start to a season in their long history have bled the club of the feelgood factor infused by Jones during his first year in charge. They are a side without shape, seeping confidence, in recession. To be beaten so comprehensively by a Newcastle United team once more in the throes of messy transformation spoke vol-umes. "We have not invented the wheel today," Rund Gullit, the Newcastle manager,

What they did do was play with width and verve. with Stephen Glass, Andreas Andersson and later, Keith Gillespie employed as orthodox wingers to provide the regular supply of precise crosses that Alan Shearer - previously without a goal in nine



World Cup striker, up front with Shearer, did not go amiss, either. tn terms of the resources available to Gullit, it might have been an unusual

little real venom, the Southampton goalkeeper flapped and fumbled and Shearer pounced He was to double his tally of league goals for 1998, now standing at four, with a clinically struck penalty after Dodd, sent off for his trouble, had been adjudged to have handled a shot from Glass.

that Shearer had added a third in the 89th minute, but it was Scott Marshall, the unfortunate Southampton defender, who claimed his second own goal in successive matches with a header. Ketsbaia provided a

All that was the easy bit. "I'm pleased with the result, but not everything is perfect.

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E Ostenstad, 46). — J Beatrie (sub: C Lundekvarn, 39), M
Hughes (sub: M Le Tissier, 46).
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Baffled Hodgson back to the drawing board Ewood Park tomorrow. "Any ideas?" came the reply. The fact that Blackamong those on the periphery of football to burn have now lost their

exaggerate the importance of small events. Equally, it is foolish for those on the inside to dismiss them SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY entirely. For example, Blackburn Rovers might consider themselves to BLACKBURN have been unjucky at Hillsborough on Saturday

How could they really legislate for Peter Atherton, a man averaging a goal every 40 games throughout his career, to score his second of the season with a volley worthy of Ryan Giggs? Yes. Andy Hinchcliffe matched it with a sublime, curling shot later in the first half, but Sherwood should not have been penalised for a challenge on Paulo di Canio that led to the free kick from which Hinchcliffe, an acknowledged expert, scored. Trailing 2-0, Blackburn had no option but to push forward. As a result, the third goal, in the 86th minute, when Di Canio ended a

There is indeed some truth in all of this, but it cannot mask the overall reality that Sheffield Wednesday enjoyed superiority in every department. Where Di Canio and Carbone had "good hair days", combining routinely with skill and panache, Sutton and Davies, the two Blackburn strikers, disfunctioned as though they had never been introduced. Where Jonk, the best player on the field, hit long, diagonal passes behind defenders, Blackburn were stymied into moving sideways.

sweeping counter-attack, was inevitable.

These were only the shop-window performances. Booth, despite his lack of goals, led the Wednesday line physically and unselfishly, while, behind him, Atherton never allowed McKinlay and Sherwood, still clearly unhappy at his omission against Tottenham Hotspur during the week, any space in midfield. Dailly wandered around like a lost soul on the right side of midfield. Few questions stump Roy Hodgson, the Rovers manager, but, as he assessed the implication of a dreadful performance, he metamorphosed from football scholar into Baffiled of Blackburn. How, he was asked,

By Richard Hobson

colleagues, including Gallacher, with a calf strain, are also ill or injured. Hodgson was on dangerous ground when he said: "History is not allowed to affect the present or the future and Tuesday is the start of our future." Those who fail to learn from the past cannot move forward with any conviction. At least Hodgson was honest enough to acknowledge the paucity of his side's first-half display, which allowed Wednesday to flourish.

doubtful starter for tomorrow and four of his

lead. Lampard's corner was met by

Harison, whose header bounced off Jamie Carragher's shoulder and

into the net.

West Ham should have increased their lead long before the Slst minute, when Eyal Berkovic added the final flourish to a

wonderful exchange of passes as he beat Friedel from the edge of the

Cue Riedle's arrival, but it was 53

minutes and two goals too late.

Suddenly, Liverpool were back in

the game and only two wonderful

saves from Shaka Hislop—and the intervention of a post—denied them a goal before the German finally made the desirable made the desirable made the same than the same than

finally made the pressure count

with an 88th-minute header. As

well as Potts and Pearce played in

vulnerabilities were exposed the

moment that the German came tiff

the bench to put Liverpool on the

front foot for the first time all

insisted as he left Upton Park. It

did not sound convincing then and

it will seem even less so if Liverpool

finish the season three points adrift

WEST HAM UNITED (3-4-1-2): S Histop — S Potis, N Ruddock, I Paeros — T Sinciair, J Moncur, F Lampard, S Lazhrdiy — E Berkovic (sub T Broacker, 89min) — I Wright, J Hartson (sub: M Ketler, 86).

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LIMERPOOL (4-5-1): B Friedel — V Heogen (sub-J McAleer, 71), J Carragher, P Babb, S Slaunion (sub: O Matteo, 62) — S McManaman, J Red-knapp, P Inca, S Harkness (sub. K Redie, 54), P Berger — M Owen

three away fixtures and

occupy eighteenth position in the FA Carling Premier-

ship suggests a deeper-

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one-off stinker that even

the best sides are allowed

now and then. To com-

pound the problems, a thigh injury leaves Duff a

"Je ne regrette rien." Houllier

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of the title.

He must also realise that the margin of defeat might have been more emphatic. Flowers had to dive at full stretch to deny Jonk from 30 yards and Di Canio, twice, shot wide after cutting inside. At the other end, Davies squandered the best chance to fall to the visitors in the 42nd minute, when he was clean through against Pressman.

I thought it was a convincing win, although you cannot get carried away with one result," Danny Wilson, the Wednesday manager, said. Such wisdom is especially resonant where his own side is concerne Wednesday have enough talented individuals to conjure days when the football flows like cream from a jug. Whether they can scratch out the tight one-nils is another matter. On an afternoon where his two Italian strikers featured conspicuously with their little flicks and backheels, it was revealing that Wilson should praise the defensive improvement in his side. Ultimately, this is where the team will stand or fall.

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (4-4-2). K Pressman — J Cobien (sub: E Berreit, 70mm), E Thoms, O Walker, A Hinchchile — P Di Canlo (sub: F Sanetti, 89), P Atherton, W Jonk, P Rudi — 2 Carbone, A Booth — BUACKBEIRN ROWERS (4-4-2): 7 Flowers — J Kanna, O Peacock, S Henchoz, G Croft — C Delity, W McNinley, T Shermond, D Duff (sub: J Wilcox, 61) — K Devise, C Sution.

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ship pace. Lose they most certainly will if they do not snap out of their Snearer — previously without a goal in nine FA Carling Premiership games — had been starved of for so long. A timely dose of dynamism from Temuri Ketsbaia, who was preferred to Stephane Guivarc'h, the France

pairing, but it worked, combining strength and power with pace and trickery. "I saw on the training field that Temuri could be a good partner for Alan," Gullit said and while each of the four goals were accompanied by what the Dutchman would no doubt have termed "sloppy" defending, all

arrived by virtue of one or more of those attributes, tt was simple, effective fare. Ketsbaia prompted United's eighth-minute breakthrough, shooting with little warning from 30 yards. The ball dipped, bounced and scuffed off the pitch, but, although there was

Much of an uncommonly subdued St James' Park crowd left in the mistaken belief

dashing final flourish, coursing through two limp challenges before shooting decisively.

Gullit said. "We're not there yet and still have to work very hard. I've come to a situation where I have to fix things and t don't know how long that will take." Hardest of all might be persuading Shearer that he should remain on Tyneside, as Gullit claims he wishes, to see through another barrage of rumour and upheaval. Intrigue is not confined to the Oval Office.

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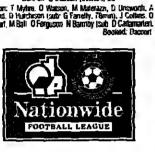
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# Ward saves sad Dyche from more punishment

Bristol City ..... West Bromwich Albion.

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By RUSSULL KEMPSON

FEW CAN forget the FA Cup semi-final of 18 months ago when gallant Chesterfield took Middlesbrough 10 a replay before bowing to the inevitable. It was one of the high-lights of the humdrum career of Sean Dyche, the Chester-field captain. Up hill and down dale, he was lauded throughout Derbyshire.

Times change, players move on and, yesterday. Dyche received another reminder that those euphoric, romantie days are long gone. The Bristol City captain had been tormented. almost to the point of ridicule, by Lee Hughes, the precocious young West Bromwich Albion striker, and was replaced in the 67th minute.

As he left the pitch the City supporters showed their displeasure by clapping on his way to the touchline. He responded in similarly sarcastic fashion, grimly applauding them back and grimacing defiantly before taking his place on the substitute's bench.

It was an unsavoury and unnecessary reaction from the fans at Ashton Gate yet fur-ther evidence of the standards they now demand. What is good for David Beckham, in the FA Carling Premiership, is good for Dyche, in the Nationwide League first division. "It was very cruel," John Ward. the City manager, said. "Sean might feel f let him down by taking him off when what he needed was support. He was trying extremely hard, but



Dyche, left, who had a torrid time, is outjumped by Carbon

why should I have kept him out there suffering? I felt it was best to protect him".

While praising the contribuuon of Hughes, whose two goals took his tally for the season to eight, Denis Smith, the West Bromwich manager. also rallied to Dyche's cause. "He's a smashing lad and I won't criticise him." he said. The fact that Dyche's brother is married to Smith's niece is merely incidental. City, without a League victo-

ry since promotion last season, were dismantled in a frame opening spell in which neither defence appeared at ease. Dyche may have been the main culprit but his teammates were equally culpable as Hughes jabbed in a close range shot in the 10th minute and then added a second from Carbon's raking pass.

But for the agility of Welch and Miller, the goalkeepers, the half-time scoreline could have reached ridiculous proportions. "City could have had eight but we could have had 16." Smith said. "People enjoy watching us and we are always a threat going forward but we've got to be more careful at the back".

Ouinn stretched to volley in West Bromwich's third goal, from Kilbane's cross in the 52nd minute, and Hughes should have completed his second hat-rick of the season when nodding another Kilbane centre against a post. "At 4-0, I might have felt we were safe," Smith said.

After Dyche's exit. City reduced the gap when Watts his replacement - looped in a header with his first touch of the ball. The irony was not lost on the Dyche appreciation society, whose not-so-hidden agenda is gathering an un-West Bromwich reclaimed a

place in the top six and City again retreated to lick their wounds. Ward has little money at his disposal but at least retains a sharp sense of humour in troubled times. "I've had two people in Europe looking at players this weekend," he said. "One is in Wales, the other is in Scotland."

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K Kilbane — L Hughes (subt P Mardon 87),
F Defretass (sub M Bortolazzi 72).

Their hard work was nearly un-



# Bury's style proves so frustrating

Norwich City ..

BY STEPHEN WOOD

NORWICH City were not the first. and they will not be the last, to play straight into Bury's hands. At Carrow Road yesterday, the home side at-tacked in desperate fashion at times. while the fans mocked their smalltime, northern rivals at others. Bury. their stubborn pride challenged loved every minute of it and emerged with their third goalless draw from four away matches this season.

Bury will provide contrasts whenever they come calling in the first divi-sion of the Nationwide League but perhaps this encounter in East Anglia offered one of the strongest. Bryan Hamilton, director of football at Norwich, had previewed the game as be-ing equivalent to Manchester United against Wimbledon, with no prizes for guessing which role Bury were to

Hamilton's analogy was understandable, for Norwich have embraced the Continental approach to football since the summer, creating an academy and relying on the scientific approach. Their players, for example, wear wristbands during games to monitor heart rate, perspiration and water loss. Bury content themselves with old fashioned team spirit and organisation.

done in the third minute of injury time, when Norwich were awarded a penalty after Adrian Forbes, the substitute, went down under a challenge

from Andy Woodward. Craig Bellamy, who had successfully converted two spot-kicks in the previous home match against Queens Park Rangers, failed this time, as Dean Kiely, the Bury goalkeeper, dived low to his left

to hold on to the shot.

That incident made for an interesting finale to a game which otherwise only threatened to entertain. Dean Barrick, the Bury wing back, had tried to interfere with Bellamy's penalty by scuffing the grass around the spot, while Neil Warnock, the visitors' manager, approached Forbes at the fi-

nal whistle with a few choice words. Warnock felt that Forbes had dived and said: "It was never a penalty and I would have booked Forbes for his conduct. The referee could not wait to blow up, although I think he will be embarrassed when he sees it again." Warnock was on the shortlist for

the vacant manager's job at Norwich during the summer and he remains convinced that they will be among the teams promoted to the Premiership at the end of the season.

succeed Mike Walker, can get his

# Scare for Flahavan

AARON FLAHAVAN, the Portsmouth goalkeeper, emerged from hospital after collapsing on the pitch during his side's match against Swin-don Town and declared: "I'm fine."

Flahavan passed out in the 75th minute of the match at Fratton Park on Saturday, provoking fears for his health as he was rushed to casualty. He blacked out as Swindon mounted an attack and lay prone as George Ndah, the striker, put the ball into the net for the visitors' second goal.

Alan Ball, the Portsmouth manager, said later that Flahavan had been given a clean bill of health after a thorough check by a neurosurgeon. "Aaron is fine - I've spoken to him

and he's as baffled about what hap-pened to him as everyone else is." Ball said. "We're at a loss to explain it - he's been suffering with a heavy cold all week so perhaps that we part of the problem. The doctor said it

might have been something viral.
The important thing is that he's OK now. He can't remember blacking out and he managed to get back to the game. I was going to take him off even though we didn't have a goal-

keeping sub on the bench, but he said

be was happy to stay on even though be didn't look too well." The incident failed to take the gloss off an extraordinary performance by Portsmouth as they crashed five goals past hapless Swindon - with their new signing, Jeff Peron, the inspitration behind their victory. Ball said he had hoped to sign the Frenchman from Walsall last season but was unable to raise the cash. "We've known about him for some time but it was just a case of getting the money together to get him." Ball, who finally got his man in a £150,000 pound deal last week, said.

players to think more clearly when the goal is in sight, they have a good

Darren Eadie and Lee Marshall rushed good opportunities in the first half during which Bury, on their infre-quent excursions into Norwich territory looked more likely to score.

Laurent D'Iaffo, their striker from France, hit a post from 25 yards and Andy Preece should have done better in a one-on-one situation with Andy Marshall, the Norwich goalkeeper. Craig Fleming's volley from a cor-

ner five minutes after half-time narrowly cleared the bar but, thereafter, Norwich lost their way until the penalty award, a frustrating period of play made worse when Matt Jackson, the club captain, was carried off on a stretcher after a collision with Lennie Johnrose. Jackson was taken to hospital for X-rays on his ankle, but there was no break.

Although Norwich were deprived of their 100 per cent home record, the game saw Kiely keep his sixth clean sheet in seven league outings. The only goal he has conceded so far this season has been a penalty. It is the impressive handling and confident judg-ment he provides that enables Bury to

The players congratulated each other at the end as if they had won, and walked off to more boos from the home supporters. Maybe their approach will, ultimately, be admired. NORWICH CITY (4-4-2): A Marchalt - O Sulch, C Fleming, M Jackson (sub. V Segura, 53min), C Uswolyn - G Brannan (sub: A Forbes, B1), L Marshall. P Grant, O Eadle - I Roberts, C Bellamy BURY (3-4-3): O Kely - C Lucketti, S Redmond, C Swales - A Woodward, N Daws, L Johnsose, O Barnck - R Matthews (sub. T Ellis, B7), L D Jaffo, A Precce Referee: B Knight

## McCann to be told Celtic fans' facts of life

By PHIL GORDON

FOOTBALL'S embrace of the money men in the last seven days may be jilted for something more earthy in Glasgow this afternoon. Fergus McCann, the Celtic chairman, seems certain to discover that the fact of life, as the fans see it, is all about doing the business on the pitch, not off it.

Few company figureheads would expect a rough ride when reporting increased turnover, improved profits and the delivery of two pivotal targets (stadium and silverware), but that is what Mc-Cann is facing at Celoc's AGM.

Shareholders may be impressed with figures but for supporters the bottom line is their team, and a minor demonstration outside Celoc Park after Saturday's stuttering 1-1 draw with Kilmarnock hinted at the storm awaiting McCann.

In a nutshell, many of the Scottish champion's followers will look beyond the £27.8 million turnover and the £5 million profit as well as the completion of Britain's largest club stadium. and focus on the fact that not a single penny was spent on improving the squad over the summer.

Celtic are now out of the Champions League and Iimping badly in domestic matters. Jerome Var-eille's goal for Kilmarnock negat-ing Regi Blinker's fine volley to leave Celtic with just eight points. The supporters who handed

over £17 million in season ticket money want to know the reasons why. McCann was jeered again on Saturday, but he is not at the eye of the storm. That is reserved for Jock Brown, the general manager, whose remit was to negotiate transfers, deal with the financial side of players' employment and deliver a new coach. In most of these issues, Brown has been less than successful.

Scotland's blue-chip football club. Raogers, also discovered at Tannadice that wealth does not equate to power. The team which had £30 million speot on it over the summer failed to break down a patchwork but resilieot Duodee United side, whose new manager, Paul Sturrock, greeted the 0-0 draw as a successful baptism.

"Considering I lost four goals to Rangers with St Johnstone a fortnight ago, this has to be a

Hearts received a blow to their morale before their Cup Winners' Cup tie with Real Mallorca in Ed-Inburgh from the 2-0 home defeat lo Dundee, the day's only victors. Dariusz Adamczuk, the Polish midfielder who once scored against England and has moved for over £2million in transfer fees but has looked like a shadow of that player in Scotland, scored both goals.
The 1-1 draws at Pittodric.

where Aberdeen and Motherwell shared the points, at St Johnstone, against Dunfermline, only proved that almost everyone in football has a point to make.

# Little's men will never say dye

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BY PAT GIBSON

THE RED and white stripes of Stoke City were obviously a superior quality. While they remained proud and distinctive to the end, the blue of Millwall ran so badly in the face of the hailstorms which lashed the Britannia Stadium, that their white shorts soon acquired a

pastel tinge. So much for the shirts. As for the footbail, it was much more difficult to discern why Stoke have now opened up a healthy four-point lead at the top of the Nationwide League Second Division and left Millwall palely loitering in the bottom half of the table. In fact, Millwall could well

have won this game. They had soaked up everything that Stoke could pour on them rather better than their kit had absorbed the afternoon downpours for the best part of 90 minutes when they were pre-sented with two wonderful opportunities to score them-

First, Sigurdsson hit a dreadful back pass straight to Shaw whose shot rebounded off Muggleton's knees when a square ball would have enabled Harris to put the ball into an empty net. Then Neill was allowed to head Carter's cross invitingly to Harris only six yards out but he volleyed over

Those missed chances the har turned out to be Millwall's undoing. Instead of closing down the game and settling for the point they had earned when the referee's assistant held up the board show three minutes of stoppage time remaining,

they continued to look for a winner and left themselves open to Stoke's last desperate

Spink conceded a corner when Lightbourne's shot squirmed off his upstretched hands and over the bar. When it came across. Thorne headed back from beyond the far post and Lightbourne forced the ball over the line with his head, despite Lavin's frantic attempt to clear.

Brian Little, the Stoke manager, who led his new club to a record six successive victories before their defeat against Fulham last week, was plainly relieved. "We were very fortunate again, we accept that, but we have learned a good lesson

When it's nil-nil with 10 minutes to go and you're not playing especially well, the first priority, even at home, it not to lose the came. If you get too carried away, you can lose what you've already got. Mill-wall would be thinking that."

Stokes' problems could be traced to the absence of their influential wing backs, Short, who keeled over with a virus infection at Fulham and was rested on medical advice, and Small, who has an ankle inju-

changed the system that has served them so well and sent on a third striker in Crowe, that they began to create some decent chances. Even so. Millwall deserved to salvage something from

It was only when they

their bad shirt day. STOKE CITY (5-3-2): C Muggiston — P Robinson, L Squrdsson, S Wiczds, J White ite R Heath (sub: D Crowe, St mm) — G Ka-variagh. O Outlield, K Keen — K Light-bourne, P Thome MRJ WALL (4-4-2): N Spirik — G Lavin, S Pitzgerald, S Nethercott, R Ryan — J Carte, B Bown, T Cahll (sub: M Barcham, 48), L Netl — N Harris, P Shew Referee: F Stretton

## Talbot's fears are justified

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL BY WALTER GAMMIE

**BRIAN Taibot has repeatedly** sounded notes of caution at reading too much into Rushden and Diamonds' all conquering start to the Football Conference season. As Diamonds' was reeling

off seven successive victories to start their campaign, Talbot's approach seemed scarce-ly justified, but a 3-2 home defeat by Telford United, previously without a win, on Saturday after a 1-1 draw at Dover on Tuesday have taken the sparkle off the Diamonds'.

Goals by Adrian Foster, his tenth of the season, and Darren Collins seemed to have put Rushden in charge at halftime after Scott Huckerby, brother of Darren, had vol-leyed Telford in front. Telford's decision to pair

Steve Palmer and Huckerby in attack then paid off as Palmer scored twice to secure a notable victory for the club that was reprieved from relegation last season only by the expulsion of Slough Town. The chief beneficiary of Rushden's stumble was Chel-

tenham Town, who won 2-1 at Kingstonian. Woking also broke their duck with a 3-0 victory at Leek Town that helped to ease the pressure on John McGovern, their manager. A crowd of 2,601 at the Rec-reation Ground saw Alder-

shot Town take over at the top of the Ryman League Premier Division after a 43 victory over Dagenham and Redbridge, while a fifth successive home win 3-I over Altrincham kept Worksop on top of the UniBond League in their impressive unbeaten start,

# Noades adds to list of excuses

Brentford . Rotherham United...

BY JUSTINE ROBERTS

THE PROBLEM with being owner, chairman and manager of a football club is that when things go wrong it's hard to shift the blame elsewhere. But Ron Noades, the man who fulfils this tripartite role at Brentford, is not one to shirk a challenge.

In Saturday's programme notes, he blamed his team's second-half collapse at Torquay in midweek on his inability to view the game clearly because he wasn't allocated a seat in the dug out.
The view was less than satisfactory and meant that we

were at a severe disadvantage as we were unable to see what was causing us problems, the former Crystal Palace owner On Saturday there were no

such visibility problems for the Brentford supremo, but after watching Rotherham run his team ragged for most of the game, he might have wished there actually had Those who anocipated a

more penitent Noades, however, were to be disappointed. Contrition may be in vogue for American presidents, but it's not Noades' style. Instead, be put Brentford's sorry performance down to

the team saving themselves for the forthcoming Worthington Cup tie against Tottenham. I'm not worried about anything he barked, except maybe the fans and the abuse you get.

If his team continues to be

outplayed at home as badly as

it was on Saturday, his skin

Seaming it incomed

will need to thicken. And very

After some cagey opening play, Rotherham's tireless five in midfield began to usurp Brendord's quintet.

Playing a stylish passing game, Rotherham weaved some ornate patterns and always looked ominous on the Brentford could only hump

hope that one of their front two could carve an opening. It took just 27 minutes for the home crowd to acknowledge their team's impotence and call for the introduction of

top-scorer and supersub, Kevin Rapley. But the admonioon went unheeded and it was no great surprise when Gary Martindale put the visitors ahead just on half-time, following a sweeping move and an astute dummy by the impressive Lee Glov-

Rotherham constructed two goals of similar quality after the break, to which the opposition, even with four playing up front for the last half an hour, could find no reposte.

meant they leapfrogged Brentford into third place in the table, knocking their hosts off the top spot in the process. They looked like a side destined for better things.

Unlike his counterpart, Ron-nie Moore, the Rotherham manager, had no need for excuses on Saturday. Today we were brilliant, he chimed, and at times they were.

Brentford (8-5-2): J Pearcey - C Coyne (e.h. K. Rapiey, 52 mm), 0 Powel, J Bailes - P Watson, W Aspiral (sub 0 Hebel, 80 mm), M Rowlands, R Cusin (sub 0 Freeman, 62 min), 0 Bosell - A Scott, L Owassi Rotherham (8-5-2): M Polit - P Ollon, N Richardson, A Kraf - C Beech, A Roscoe, 0 Garner, O Huston, C Sedgewick - G Martin-rise I Giover.

The car's whiskers: Sprite | L\_\_\_\_



# **Pioneering** spirit sees Cardiff occupy new territory

Cardiff

By GERALD DAVIES

TO BEGIN at the beginning, as someone once wrote. Welsh rugby. in desperate need of an uplifting summons for a better future, may have found its new beginning at Cardiff Arms Park.

If Welsh club rugby — indeed. its competitive edge as a whole is to be resurrected, Saturday afternoon may prove to have been a seminal moment. This is not because of the scoreline, for the difference flattered Cardiff, rather it was because Saracens, one of the most charismatic and successful clubs in England, came to Cardiff with a full-strength team to create a mood and a duel that tickled the taste buds of supporters so as to savour what rugby in Wales should be and is no longer. This provided a vision of what it might

The rebets may soon be thought of in terms of brave cavaliers who are pioneering a break into new territory. The reputation of the Welsh Rugby Union was severely diminished. It was made to look time-worn and fossilised.

On the Cardiff terraces, there was a fresh and buoyant air where a crowd of 10,000 had gathered. Cardiff's biggest gate last year was 9.000 against Harlequins. The average club gate for the Welsh league fixtures was half of that. With this declining state of affairs, something needed to be done. Saracens, and Nigel Wray, their

chairman, were given prolonged applause of appreciation. They might have gained more had not Penaud missed a chance of a try in the first half and had Pienaar been present to consolidate matters.

For the first half, with defences so tight and organised, the scores came only from penalty kicks by Johnson and Jarvis. The highlight of the period was the sweeping counter-attack from Saracens' own tryline. But still there was no sign of a try. With two penalties, Jarvis took Cardiff into the lead.

Botham made the initial thrust. He was brought down. Howley snapped up the returning ruck ball and swept into score the first try in the corner. Then the most swiftly cutting move of the game prothe second try. D from deep within his own half before Cacakala. Humphreys and Howley sent in Wintle for a marvellous score. Jarvis dropped a goal to effectively end the contest, although Daniel and Hill scored a try each in the final minutes.

This victory will send signals to other clubs in England, but an ambush lies ahead. This was only

SCORIERS: Cardiff: Tries: R Howley (54min), M Wintle (57), S Hill (80) Conversions: L Janvis (2) Penalty potats: L Janvis 6 (3, 40, 42, 46, 51, 40) Oropped goals: Janvis (77), Saracene: Try B Daniel (78) Conversion: G Johnson, Penalty goals: Johnson 4 (9, 26, 31, 58) SCORING SECUENCE: (Cardif first) 3-0, 3-3, 3-6, 3-9, 6-9 (half-time), 9-9, 12-9, 15-9, 22-9, 22-12, 25-12, 32-12, 35-19, 40-19

CARDIFF: J. Thomas, L. Botham, L. Davies, M. Winde, S. Hill, L. Jarvis, R. Howley, A. Lewis, J. Humphreys, S. John (rep: L. Musice, 46min), O. Williams, K. Stewart, J. Talt frep. O. Jones, 75), O. Baugh, G. Cacatvala.

SARACENS: G Johnson, M Singer, R Constable, J Thomson, B Daniel, A Peneud, Y. Bracken (rep: M Powell, 31), R Grau (rep. A Oliver, 80), G Chuter, P Walface, T Color, C Yandell (rep: Y. Chesney, 76), O Grawcotck, R Hill, A Diprose Referes: A Ware (Pontypridd)

## Rees hurt as Wasps fall to Swansea

DESPITE enjoying an overwhelming advantage in possession. Wasps were thwarted by an obdurate Swansea defence as the Welsh club secured its second successive victory in cross-border competition

Tries from Paul Moriarty, Richard Rees and Mark Taylor earned Swansea a 28-18 triumph at Loftus Road, the home side having scored tries through Kenny Logan and Paul Volley in a scintillating encounter.

Logan's try owed much to the work of Josh Lewsey, the club's recent recruit, who made repeated incursions into the Swansea back

Wasps also suffered the potentially damaging loss of Gareth Rees, their Canada fly-half, who was taken off on a stretcher in the fiftieth minute.

London Welsh, the club that has spent so long in the doldrums, enhanced their new-found status with an excellent 20-16 victory over Blackheath in the Allied Dunbar Premiership Two.

Inspired by Andy Currier, the former Widnes and Great Britain rughy league centre, the exiles were also indebted to Matthew Pearce. who scored a vital 65th-minute try as well as landing two penalty goals and two conversions as London Welsh recovered from 10-0 and 16-7 deficits.

Blackheath have begun the new campaign with two defeats and Danny Vaughan, their coach, admitted that he had "a lot to sort out". Vaughan said: "We have a lot of new players, though, and we need to get to know each other properly."

# Allied Dunbar Premiership: Wilkinson's precision puts Bath to the sword Hartlepool



Sturnham, the Bath back-row forward, whose strength and pace troubled the champions throughout, tries to escape Ryan's clutches. Photograph: Raoul Dixon

Bath ..

BY DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

SATISFACTION was distinctly limited at Gateshead on Saturday. Across the river, Newcastle United had made merry at Southampton's expense, but their rugby-playing colleagues, the Allied Dunbar Premiership champions, played out their first home game of the season before a thin audience and under

weeping skies.
This, though, is what professional rugby must endure as it comes of age. Leaving aside the politics, rugby has sought the aid of television (for money), of football (for new homes) and still seeks new followers. Creating a season-long fixture list that takes account of television's needs and groundsharing arrangements has not been easy and Newcastle fell foul of them in what should have been an

They want to play their home games on Sunday to avoid clashes with football and to draw in the spectators who they believe were happy to watch both sports last

# Newcastle handed perfect kick-start

lay junior rugby themselves. There is a clash of corporate interests, too, which cost the rugby club money, and Rob Andrew, the Newcastle director of rugby, will happily contemplate playing Premiership matches on Fridays and Mondays in his attempts to grow the rugby habit on Tyneside.

Television interests dictated that this game should be on Saturday. yet some 4,000 hardy souls watched Newcastle lift themselves after their disappointing visit to Richmond's new home a week earlier. In particular, they watched Jonathan Wilkinson cope admirably with the alkicking duties that will be his this season. Wilkinson, who has shrugged off the negatives of his summer tour with England, kicked his five goals with aplomb.

rugby league goalkickers as Darryl Halligan. If his own technique brings a 100 per cent return every time, others will be watching him, not least for the difficult conversion - from the wrong side of the field for a left-footed kicker - which proved to be the difference on Saturday. A week earlier, it had been Mike Catt. with a similar return against Wasps, but now

sion from touch, a penalty and a dropped goal just when Bath needed his best form. find it difficult to understand how we lost that." Andy Robinson, the Bath director of coaching, said, to which the answer was in the control that Newcastle took of the

Catt was wayward with a conver-

and will have taken satisfaction in scoring from that phase, Dean Ryan taking Garath Archer's catch and rumbling over from close range. Their wider game, though, will be on hold until they decide precisely which of Andrew and Wilkinson is to run the game.

Bath will be disappointed that. having created space on the Ilanks in the first half, they could not exploit it. On another day, leuan Evans would have chipped over Stuart Legg, not into the pit of his stomach, and twice they set up their . "I'll look at the video and I'll still --- stall on the Newcastle line butcould not burrow over it. If they are going to win quick ball from Nigel Redman in the middle of the lineout, they may need a scrum half with faster hands than Steven

a tapped penalty, a quick ruck and Catt's flar pass putting Adedayo Adebayo into the corner. Such precision, though, was absent from much of their game. Nathan Thomas worked hard throughout, but Ben Sturnham's strength and pace are not being fully utilised and the query over the balance of their back row remains.

They opened a four-point advan-tage only for Wilkinson first to reduce it and then, with three minutes remaining, erase it altogether. That his winning penalty came from Bath possession — Hat-ley attempting a break from his own 22 and failing to release the ball in the tackle - made the scrum half's replacement seconds later by Andy Nicol look like a classic case of closing the stable door after the horse had bolted.

SCORING SEQUENCE (Newcastle first): 0-3, 3-3, 3-6, 10-8, 13-8, 13-9 (naff-time), 13-14, 13-17, 16-17, 19-17

G Gighart, H Nesdale, N Propplemell, G Archert, G Wer, S O'Neil (rec. P Walton, 74), R Armold (sin-bin, 58-68), O Ryen. Bahrow, I Evens, P de Glenwille, J Gue-czt, A Adebayo; M Cat. S Hatley (rep; A Nicol, 77): O Hiton (rep. J Mateut, 61), A Long, V Ubogu, M Haag, N Redman, M Thomes, B Sturnham (rep: R Velster, 72), E Peters.

#### of the problems that lie ahead. Now, having taken their home bow at the compact Hartlepool-United ground, their apprehensions have been confirmed.

Even an industrious start, which carned West two penalty goals and the loss of Stephen Vile, their leading points-scorer, with a damaged hamstring, seemed to be no more than an inconvenience to London Irish, as two tries within two minutes set the visitors on their way and Niall Woods to a match tally of 24 points.

It is an impression that West will

get an idea

of the task

lying ahead

By DAVID HANDS

WEST HARTLEPOOL celebrat

ing their return to the first division of the Allied Dunbar Premiership

with a return to the Victoria Park

ground that they vacated in 1908,

were in no doubt before yesterday

West Hartlepool .....

London Irish ......

do well to ignore. They are without three of their most knowledgeable tight forwards and the second of. Stephen John's tries unpicked a defence that Brendan Venter will always marshall with his custom-

ary skill.
Mike Brewer, their playercoach, will concentrate on the positives in what will be the most demanding of campaigns. He will, however, also invite his players to look at the tackling that allowed opponents so much space in which to thrust their dangerous broken-play runners, Woods and Conor O'Shea.

Yet those who find their way to Victoria Park for rugby purposes

Schools sport

- and some 2.000 of them were there yesterday, which is more than the average for Brierton Lane last season — are certain to be cutertained, even if the results do not quite match up to their have touched down during West's crackerjack start, they would have given the Irish even more to think

During the second quarter, however, the visitors garnered 27 points and effectively placed them-selves out of reach. The best of them derived from the busy James Brown's half-break and flat pass to O'Shea, who gave Justin Bishop the simplest of run-ins.

When Brendan Venter swayed and dummied through from 45 metres, Irish could afford to ring the changes; West gathered their forces and Brewer sent John into the corner from a tapped penalty. Russell Schrader, always competitive at the lineout, won another setpiece ball, and the injection of Emmett Farrell from full back and an exquisite bout of handling sent John racing clear again.

Yet there was never a prospect of West coming within hailing distance of an Irish side that will cause better opponents problems this season

SCORERS: West Hartispool: Tries: John 2 (53, 68) Conversions: Balptan 2, Penalty goels: Vile 2 (12, 18). London Irlah: Tries: Richards (22), Bishop (24), Woods (39), Venter (44), O'Shee (43). Conversions: Woods 5. Penalty goels: Woods 3 (30, 37, 58).

SCORING SECUENCE (West Hardepool first): 3-0, 6-0, 6-7, 6-14, 6-17, 6-20, 6-27 (hell-lime), 6-34, 13-37, 20-34. 13-34, 13-37, 20-37, 20-44.
WEST HARTLEPOOL: E Farrell; H Bishop, P Greaves. J Connolly, S John; S Ville (rep. P Berlgian, 18 min), T Nurusell title: S Speaks, A Peacock (rep. S Whitehead, 61), P Beal (rep. B Cultimana, 74), W Fuller (rep.: C Webb, 59), R Schrader, J Ponton, S Cassidy, M Brewer.
LONDON IRISH: C O'Shee; J Bashop, B Venter, R Todd, N Woods; J Brown, P Richards (rep: K Campbell, 39-40, 74); P Rogers (rep: M Worsley, S3), R Kinke (rep: M Howe, 53), K Fullman, N Harvey, M O'Kelly, K Spicer, K Daweon, R Gallagher (short), 57-67).
Perferee: N Yases (Manchester).

#### Hatley to make use of it second half as the rain came Wilkinson has been admiring on Their try was a sweet one. Hatley sweeping in. Newcastle tightened their lineout season, as well as the many who and Eric Peters bursting clear from television the consistency of such Gloucester find remedy for travel sickness

Gloucester.....

BY MARK SOUSTER

SHOULD Gloucester go on to win something this season, they will look back on this hugely significant result as a defining moment in their fortunes. It was a game in which they finally appeared to shed all the emotional baggage about their inability to win away from Kingsholm. It is too early in the campaign for rash predictions, but it could be said that Gloucester have came of age. From now on, they will have to be taken seriously.

To beat a Richmond side that had won its past seven games, a run that included the comprehensive demolition last week of Newcastle, and to do so in their opponents' back yard was an achievement few are likely to

repeat this season. If they do not learn from and build on this, they will need their heads examined, a point forcefully made by Richard Hill, the director of rugby.

Last year, Gloucester sneaked only two away wins. Victory at the home of one of the higger boys on Saturday came sooner than Hill had bargained for, but was nonetheless warranted. Never mind that Richmond contributed to their own downfall, that they lost Ben Clarke, their leader, through injury after 26 minutes and were reduced to 13 men when Craig Quinnett and Barrie Williams were sent to the sin-bin.

Gloucester demonstrated a mental toughness and resilience that has not atways been evident never more so than after they allowed Richmond to haul themselves back from a 17-3 deficit to 17-t5 in seven hectic minutes early in the second half.



Mapletoft: challenge

Having been rejected by England, Mark Mapletoft must have wondered whether the arrival of Simon Mannix at Kingsholm spelt the end of his tove affair with the club; but, instead of sulking, he has

risen to the challenge. Last week, he scored 24 points against London Irish; on Saturday, he added another 20, from two second-half tries, two conversions and two penalty goals.

Gloucester were on the back foot during a first half in which they had the put-in at only three setpieces in Richmond territory. Yet they defended resolutely and Andy Deacon, the tight-head prop, epitomised their collective resolve. His covering tackle on Spencer Brown two yards from the line in the right-hand corner saved a try at a time when Richmond threatened

to take control. Without Clarke, who was hurt in a bone-jarring collision with Steve Ojomoh, his erstwhile Bath cotleague, Richmond lost their direction. Gloucester closed them down and allowed them little space. A succession of dropped passes added to their frustration, which

spili over into naked aggression in the second half when Quinnell was banished for ten minutes for stamping, followed swiftly by Williams, for punching Deacon. Such indiscipline has no place in the game and John Kingston, the director of rugby, would do well to ram home the message rather than dismiss it merely as overexuberance.

Overexuberance.

SORERS: Richmond: Tries: Beternan (47min),
C Ourmel (53), Cuthbert (75). Conversiona:
Davies 2. Penetly: Davies (7), Glouceater: Tries: Mapletoft 2 (46, 62), Saint-Andre (14). Conversions: Mapletoft 2 (46, 62), Saint-Andre (14). Conversions: Mapletoft 2 (41, 72). SCORING SEQUENCE (Richmond Irru; 3-0, 3-7, Institute), 3-10, 3-17, 6-17, 15-17, 15-22, 15-25, 22-25.

RiCHMOND: M Pins, S Brown, A Beternan, M Davies. O Chapman; A Davies, A Pichot, D McFarland (rep: 1 Devices, 47), 8 Williams, (sin-bin, 65-78), C Gillies, R Hutton (rep: A Cuthbert, 66-78), A Vander, & Clarice (rep: L Cabarnes, 25).

GLOUCESTER: C dating, B Johnson (rep: R Javiet, 51), R Tombs, S Marme, P Saint-Andres M Mapletoft, S Benton, T Woodman (rep: T Windo, 52), N McCarthy (rep: C Forthy, 62), A Dascon, R Polar, O Sims, S Ojomoh (sin-bin, 22-32), N Carter, S Devereux.

Reterrer: S Lander (Uverpool)

# Team that Frank built faces uphill struggle

By Christopher Irvine

TODAY is pay day at Bedford, so Frank Warren has said. If he is not handing out the cheques himself, the least that anxious players and staff expect is for Warren, Bedford's owner, to honour his prom-

ise to meet unpaid wages. Should the 2pm deadline pass without a pay slip being seen. Geoff Cooke, the director of rugby, fears for Bedford's existence. "We'll just have to get there and see what happens. Decisions will have to be made by the management board and all of us, depending on the situation, which will determine the immediate future and possibly the long-term future of the club," he

"But there's no point painting doom and gloom scenarios. Frank has a habit of coming up with things when he's given promises. We all agreed that when we didn't get paid at the end of last month. we'd give him the time he needed to

sort out the situation." if the players' levels of commit-ment in Bedford's opening league match at Sale on Saturday were up to scratch, the numbers of turnovers betrayed a worrying naivety and Paul Turner, the Bedford coach and former Sale talisman detected the "death-knell hush" that can descend over Heywood Road when Sale get themselves into trouble, as they did when a 24-9 lead was whittled to three points after tries by O'Mahony and Howard, within five minutes early in the second half.

According to John Mitchell, their director of rugby, if Sale, blighted by injuries to ten of their first-learn squad, cominue to suffer at setpieces, then Saracens would hammer them next Sunday. His consolation was that their five tries were taken well, particularly that by Beim.

SCORERS: Sale: Tries: Moore 2 (28mm, 59), Machacek (18), Bern (46), Yates (78), Conversions: Howarth 4 Penalty goet: Howarth (26) Bedford: Tries: O'Mahomy 160), Howard (54) Conversion: Howard. Penalty goets: Howard 4 (3, 11, 32, 63).

SCORING SEQUENCE (Sale trist) 0-3, 0-6, 7-6, 10-6, 17-6, 17-9 (half time), 24-9, 24-14, 24-21 29-21, 32-21, 39-21 29-21, 32-21, 39-21
SALE, S Dandson; M Moore, M Testow, C Yales, T Bern: S Howsen; R Smith (rep; K Elis, S Invol.). P Winstantey O Geraghty (rep; G Dawe 60), A Smith (rep; G Bell, 10, Bell sn, Jun, 35-15), O Beldwill, C Murphy, P Anglessea (rep; A Sanderson 23-27, A Smith 35-46), P Sanderson, J Machacek, BEDIFORD: S Howers, R B Linderwood, A Murdoch, J Ewens, O O'Mahoniy, A Yapp, C Harrison; N Haifey (sar-bm, 32-49), J Becharise, C Boyd, A Dune, S Murray (sar-bin, 65-75), Ref Winters (rep; V Harriand, 38-45), J Forster, R Shaeus ino some dans.

# Scottish gift Stransky keys to new home

London Scottish .... Leicester .

BY ALAN PEAREY

REALITY bites. After seeing off Sale in their opening fixture, London Scottish endured a troubled Saturday on and off the pitch against Leicester, the Allied Dunbar Premiership leaders.

More alarming than the ease with which the visitors stormed to a 27-3 lead inside 25 minutes was the crowd of 2,138. In this respect, Scottish do not seem to have helped themselves, with little done to draw attention to the club's move from Richmond to The Stoop Memorial Ground.

Tony Tiarks, the chairman, was not unduly concerned by a turnout some way short of the 4.000 breakeven figure, but he admitted to a policy of "fingers crossed" when it comes to attracting specialors. People don't know where we are yet," he said. "We don't have a massive following and must tread carefully. It takes time. We are concentrating on the rugby first and trying to stay in the first

Whether Scottish can remain in the top flight with their present

half, they were thoroughly outplayed. True, there was a suspicion of a knock-on from Tim Stimpson in the build-up to Joel Stransky's scintillating first try, but the sec-ond, which saw a reverse pass behind his back by Pat Howard that led to Nnamdi Ezulike sprinting clear, had a slickness beyond anything that Scottish could

Orchestrating Leicester's brilliance was Stransky, on his way to 23 points and eighth place in the all-time Leicester points-scoring list. The arrival of Simon Holmes helped to plug the gaps for Scottish, but it was far from being enough to salvage a result.

SCOFIERS: London Scottlish: Penatty: McAusland (23min) Lelcester: Tries: Stransky [14], Ezulka [18], Sümpson (25), Gustard (52), Conversions: Snansky, 3 Penatty goals: Stransky, 4 (10, 12, 38, 60)

SCORNG SECUENCE (London Scottsh first): 0-3, 06, 0-13, 0-20, 3-20, 3-27, 3-30 (hold-lime). J.-S., 3-38

LONDON SCOTTISH: O Leg: I McAustand, R
Davios, R Erissson, C Starman, S Birms, G
Easterby Irog: S Cook, 67mm); M McConald Iregr
R Bigt, 40), D Cummers, P Birms, G Manson-Britop Irop M McAummey, 40), M Welson, S
Fann, T Davies, Irop: S Holmes, 40), R Hunter Irop
C Tartuck, 40)

CHARDON SUPPRIOR L LLOyd, S Portor (repr.)
Overend, 70, P. Noward, N. Edilka (repr.)
Drumbead, 72), J Stransky, A Hasiley, G Rowattine,
R Cockeril, D. Garforth, M. Johnson (captant), F.
Van Hoedon (repr. N. Flidcher, 72), P. Gustand, N.
Back (rep. L. Moody, 48), M. Corry (rep. L. Moody, 23-32).

Refereer Ed Morrison (Bristol)

# Leonard's dismissal adds to tale of woe

Northampton ..... Harlequins .....6

By ALISON KERVIN

SO THE woeful tale of Harlequins continues. On Saturday, they lost to Northampton, making it two defeats in two matches in the opening formight of the season. Add to this the dismissal of a star player and you have the latest Quins' catastrophe.

Jason Leonard, the England and British Isles prop. left the field after 21 minutes for stamping on Budge Pountney, the flanker, in a ruck. Clive Woodward, the England coach, would not have been impressed, especially as a 60-day ban is imminent and a World Cup qualifying tie against Holland is 62 days away.
Harlequins looked uncomfort-

able and ill-disciplined, bustling with Northampton for the first 20 minutes, then playing a shuffling game to get a replacement prop on to the field for Leonard. They shed Jason Keyter, the wing, to accommodate the arrival of David Barnes. The result was an obvious imbalance in the sides, but one that Northampton struggled to make

The player of the match was Tim Rodber, the Northampton captain. He provided a backbone for the side that his team-mates failed to use. Aside from Rodber's two magnificent tackles, which Rory Jenkins and Gareth Llewellyn will remember better than anyone else, moments to savour were few and far between

David Dantiacq's try stands out. The centre, from Pau, playing his first game in the Premiership, went over after Rodber charged upfield to take play to just inside the 22. where Andy Northey passed beautifully out to Ben Cohen who found Dantiacq looping through. Two tries were added from Grant Seely before Pountney went over on the final whistle to give the home side a flattering victory.

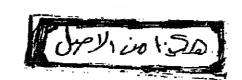
SCORERS Northampton; Tries; D Dantiecq; (34min) G Seely 2 (38, 70), B Pountney (80). Conversion: P Grayson Penalty goals: J Schuster 2 (18, 44).

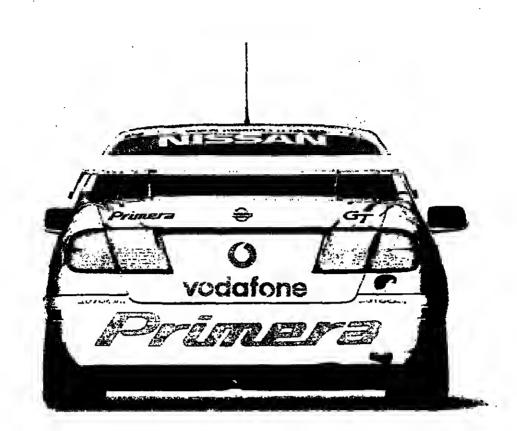
(18.44) SCOURMS Penaity goals: J Schuster 2
SCORING SECHENCE: (Northampton first): 0-3,
3-3, 3-3, 15-3 (hast-lame), 15-6, 20-6, 25-6,
NORTHAMPTON: N Beel C Morr. O Denteod, A
Northey, M Cohen; P Greynon, M Dewson (top: J
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# **Boon for Surrey** as victory sets up title decider

IF THE means were dubious, the outcome was undeniably appropriate. Surrey, who led the Britannic Assurance county championship from May into September, contrived a victory that looked beyond them at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, ensuring that the otle will be decided by a virtual play-off at the Oval this week.

Adam Hollioake, for whom this has been a mortifying summer, employed all his powers of charm, negotiation and motivation on an extraordinary day at the Riverside. Surrey, apparently scuppered by the weather, managed to fiddle a finish by setting Durham a target of 213 and bowling them out for 91. The upshot is a concluding

fixture between Surrey and Leicestershire, starting on Thursday, that had long held the promise of being a title eliminator yet looked, for much of last week, to be losing its impact. Now, though not quite a guaranteed winnertakes-all, it is a combustible. fortuitous finale to what has been a largely disappointing

championship.
Victory for Leicestershire would make them champions for the second time in three years. Surrey, though, may not only need to win but also 10 garner sufficient bonus points to be sure of holding off the persistent challenge of Lancashire.

It is the climax that all concerned will deem fitting and it may do much to camouflage the dire standards and pervasive fatalism that have been rife in the latter stages of this season. It has also, however, revived two recurring issues of county cricket - the validity of contrived finishes and the role of overseas

Leicestershire, who have suffered from rain more than ALAN LEE



Championship Commentary

any other county through the two seasons since their last title, may feel aggrieved that Surrey were able to rescue a finish with the unlikely connivance of that most flinty Australian, David Boon. Once the dressing-room deal had been struck, it was achieved very unattractively, first through an over of dross from Jonathan Batty, the Surrey wicketkeeper, and then by almost an hour of help-vourself lobs from two of Durham's non-bowlers, in-

cluding Boon himself, Boon was not going soft in

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| Durham (17)     | 16   | 33 | 8  | 5 | 27 | 61 | 151 |
| Notts (13)      | 15   | 3  | 8  | 4 | 19 | 50 | 131 |
| Middleses (4)   | 16   | 5  | 8  | 6 | 28 | 48 | 126 |
| Northants (15)  | 16   |    | 5  | 8 | 29 | 48 | 124 |
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(Last year's positions in brackets)

the head. Surrey's despera-tion left him holding the aces and the target he settled for seemed a generous one, especially when spread over 61 overs. That it did not turn out that way was because of some sprightly seam bowling from

> that had sprouted demons. Benjamin, 37, had taken only 14 championship wickets in six games and would not have been playing if Alex Tudor, England's Ashes wild card, had been fit. The irony is stark, for it was Benjamin who was the surprise fastbowling inclusion on the last Australia tour and he was a complete flop. On Saturday, he took six for 35, but it has to be asked if he should have

Joey Benjamin and a pitch

had the opportunity.
In the bad old days of threeday cricket, joke bowling was commonplace. The extra day has almost eliminated the mentality and the need, but on a day like this, with so much at stake, few could blame Hollioake for trying. nor Boon for hoping to profit. Saqlain Mushtaq did nor take a wicket in the match and did not even bowl in the second innings. It was not a fitting farewell as he departs for Toronto to join the Pakistan team in the spurious Sahara Cup. The enforced defection of an overseas play-er before a game in which he might have won his side the title is another blow to a system damaged beyond

There is too much international cricket played now for the overseas player to function satisfactorily and it is high time the counties ac-knowledged it. The reversal of the moratorium, planned for next year, was a scandal and will lead to the most striking examples yet of foreign players collecting fat cheques for a disruptively brief stay.



Wasim celebrates the dismissal of Gallian on the way to a five-wicket haul during Lancashire's victory at Trent Bridge

# Wasim bids glorious farewell

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

TRENT BRIDGE: Lancashire (21pts) beat Nottinghamshire (4pts) by 289 runs

WASIM AKRAM is leaving Lancashire in glory. The Pakistan all-rounder, who was released by the club last week. won this game yesterday off his own but — and with the ball. First, he extended his innings from 28 to 155, his first championship hundred for five years. Then he skittled out five Nottinghamshire batsmen, the last three comprehensively bowled, to complete Lancashire's fifth successive victory.

Should Lancashire make it six when they play Hamp-shire at Old Trafford later this week and take 23 points, and should Leicestershire draw their game with Surrey at the Oval, Lancashire will win the county championship outright for the first time since 1934. Surrey can still finish top, of course, It promises to be a fascinating week.

Wasim could be excused for not knowing quite what is

going on at the moment. Last eek, he led Lancashire to two one-day trophies, in successive days, and promptly found himself implicated in bat into the afternoon before the latest match-fixing story to emerge from Pakistan. His Wasim skied a catch to the

What a way he has chosen to go. Batting at No 8. he smashed five sixes and 14

fours in his innings, of which 122 came before lunch yesterday. Lancashire, who began the day 296 ahead, with three subside. wickets in hand, were able to

square leg boundary. Keedy contributed four singles to a last-wicket stand of 97 as Wasim hit the ball wherever he liked against

SCOREBOARD FROM TRENT BRIDGE

LANCASHIRE: First Innances 218 (N H Fairbrother 88, C M Tolley 6 for 74)

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FALL OF WICKETS: 1-86, 2-94, 3-97. 4-110, 5-114, 5-137, 7-144 80WLING Evans 4-3-1-0: Franks 17-3-65-5, Oram 13-1-62-0: Tolley 23-4-60-2 Galian 3-2-1-0 NOTTINGHAMSHIFIE For Innings
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some moderate bowling. He went from his hundred to 150 in 31 balls as Nottinghamshire waited for the torrent to

Their performance in this match was appalling. To win the toss, and lose the match by 289 runs, tells its own story. Johnson can be exempted. This popular cricketer bristled with purpose as he made 90 from 110 balls after Nottinghamshire had folded to 52

Wasim had Gallian legbefore immediately and then had Welton picked up at slip as he reminded everybody, that, at 32, he remains a

magnificent bowler. Returning after tea, he took three of the last four wickets and, in between, held a catch in the gully. Evans was yorked and Read, who had spent the morning in hospital tending to his eyes, had his leg and off stumps ripped out in the most glorious style. Even with perfect vision, it is doubtful that he would have

# Powell maintain late run BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

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Dickie Bird

SUNDAY bests by Adrian-Dale and Mike Powell, of Glamorgan, in Cardiff yesterday ended Derbyshire's fading dreams of entry into the National League first division next season. The duo's fourth-wicket

stand of 111 in 17 overs was the mainstay of their county's sixth Sunday victory in the last eight matches. Matthew Maynard, the Glamorgan captain, and Steve James struggled to cut loose on a slow, seaming track. Maynard perished in the sixth over to Dean for six. James, 24, offered a return catch to Vince Clarke at 49, and when Anthony Cottee was taken by Kim Barnett 13 runs later. Derbyshire were hopeful of victory.

But Dale and Powell unhinged the Derbyshire attack with a powerful display, as Glamorgan constructed an unexpected total of 210 for six.

Cork changed the order, but if victory receded with main hopes Michael Slater and Adrian Rollins removed early, they were extinguished in the 24th over when Dean Cosker, with three for 39, snapped up Barnett to make Derbyshire 80 for five.

With only the faintest of mathematical possibilities of either Northamptonshire or Sussex sneaking into the top half of the Axa League table. and into the first division of oext season's National League, an end-of-term atmosphere prevailed at Wantage

Road yesterday. Northamptonshire did well to raise enough spirit to end what has been a humbling season with a convincing win, though nothing could disguise a general air of despondency.

Asked to reply to North-

amptonshire's total of 181, made in the 36 overs after damp run-ups had delayed the start, Sussex collapsed to 30 for four in the fourteenth over. From that point, a Northamptonshire victory became a formality and the last four Sussex wickets were swept aside for just two runs in 17-

With results elsewhere ensuring that both counties play second division cricket next year, the contest was ultimately an exercise in futility. Mal Loye, however, will have been grateful for the opportunity to complete the seven runs he required to finish as the season's leading scorer in the competition, an achievement that carries with it a cheque

for £5,000 Surrey ended a dreadful season in the Axa League by winning the battle of the bottom two at Chester-le-Street. The wooden spoonists triumphed by 101 runs after Mark Butcher's unbeaten 85 helped them to 237 for six. Durham quickly slipped to 22 for three and, although David Boon put on 59 with Jon Lewis, the last five wickets went down for 26 runs as the home side were dismissed for 136, with 7.5 overs remaining. It was only Surrey's third win of the season and they were still eight points adrift of Durham, who finished seventeenth.

## **Essex bow** out on a low note

LEICESTER (Essex won the toss): Leicestershire (4pts) beat Essex by 12S runs

ESSEX appeared an imitation of the side that led the Axa League table by six points twothirds of the way into the campaign as they ended the season with a third successive (Richard Hobson writes). Victory earned Leicestershire a top-four finish and prize money of £5,500.

The opening overs of the Essex reply recalled the start to the Benson and Hedges Cup final, when Prichard, in particular, took advantage of loose Leicestershire bowling to seize the initiative. On this occasion, however, the fall of the first wicket heralded an alarming collapse against a theoretically weaker attack.

From being 45 for nought in the seventh over, Essex plummeted to 91 all out as Ormand and Simmons discovered a better line and length, Mason, the off spinner, then joined the attack to return figures of four for 12, his best in the competition, with the last six wickets realising only 15 runs.

Simmons, who may now have played his last game at Grace Road, struck two sixes in his 56 from 53 balls during a fourth wicket partnership of 94 in IS overs with Ben Smith. who made 54.

#### Hooper ends on a high

Canterbury (Kent won toss): Kent (4pts) bt Somerset by six wickets (D/L method)

CARL HOOPER, playing his last game for Kent, was given a standing ovation by an unusually sparse St Lawrence crowd after a match-winning 62 made from 58 balls (John

Stern writes! The West Indies batsman's innings, during which he passed 3,000 Sunday League runs, helped Kent ensure first division status in next season's 50-over national league. Despite having to chase a revised Duckworth-Lewis target of 172 from 28 overs, Hooper and Matthew Walker set Kent on course for a comfortable victory with a partnership of 105 in 14 overs.

The Somerset innings of 164 for seven was built around a superb 87 from Mark

# McLean atones for early bowling errors

WORCESTER (Worcestershire won toss): Worcestershire (4pts) beat Hampshire by four runs

WORCESTERSHIRE achieved a place io the first division of the forthcoming national league by dint of bowling out Hampshire for 177 on the kind of slow pitch that makes timing the ball an excedingly difficult task (Ivo Tennant writes). It was as well for the spectators and television viewers that there was some diverting hitting late in the day from Nixon McLean.

Although this did not quite win the match, it atoned, in part, for the nine wides McLean conceded in a relatívely expensive spell. Connor took three wickets in a Worcestershire inniogs that

Durham v Surrey

SURREY

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1D N Sellsbury, M A V Betl and J E Benjamin did not bet FALL OF WICKETS 1-19, 2-52, 3-149, 4-175, 5-190, 6-222.

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FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-17, 3-22, 4-81, 5-110 6-125, 7-128, 8-129, 9-135

50WLING, Benjamin 8-0-22-2, B C Hoseaka 5-1-18-1; Besj 2-0-21-0, Butcher 6-0-34-2; A J Hotloake 5-1-1-16-0; Salisbury 6-0-15-3

Glamorgan v Derbyshire

CARDIFF (Glamorgan won toss): Glamorga: (4pts) beat Derbyshire by 58 runs

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FALL OF WICKETS, 1-14, 2-49, 3-62, 4-174, 5-181, 6-182

90/MUNG, Conk 8-1-28-0, Dean 8-1-38-1: Clarke 8-0-47-3, Barnett B-1-30-1; Blackwell 8-0-43-0; Cassax 2-0-11-1.

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SURREY

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1 A J Hollionke c Davies b Chapman
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Extras (b 13, w 8, nb 2)

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never properly got going. Hick made 32 off 33 balls and there were useful contributions from Lampitt and

Hampshire made a propitious start, Smith, on his 35th birthday, striking the ball as cleanly as any specialist batsman. Illingworth, bowever, had him well held by Hick during a spell in which he took three significant wickets. Rawnsley, Illingworth's fel-

low left-arm spinner, also was effective. He caught Mascarenhas off his own bowling and, when Aymes was run out, Hampshire had collapsed to 89 for six. McLean struck two sixes and two fours in an enjoyable innings of 30. but after he was held at long off, the asking rate was just too much for Hampshire.

Total (9 wks. 40 overs) 154 FALL OF WICKETS 1-9, 2-24, 3-69, 4-73, 5-75, 6-84, 7-105, 8-112, 9-118

BOWLING Parkin 8-2-19-0; Davies 8-1-20-1 Dale 8-0-36-3, Thomas 8-0-39-2; Cosker 8-0-39-3

Kent v Somerset

SOMERSE

A R K Person, A R Candid and S Jones did

FALL OF WICKETS 1-12.2-37.3-74,4-136,5-151,6-152,7-164

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M J McCague, W J House, "†S A Marsh, B J Philips and O W Headley did not bet

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-36, 3-141, 4-144.

BOWLING: Roso 6-0-15-1; Caddick 5-0-36-1. Truscothics 4-0-37-0; Jones 5 4-0-36-2; Burns 3-0-23-0; Parsons 3-0-19-0

Umpres: J H Hampshire and M J Kachen.

Leicestershire v Essex

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C L Hooper low b Jones
M J Walker C Turner b Jones

Total (4 wids, 26.4 overs)

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# Knight display puts Warwickshire second

HEADINGLEY (Warwickshire won toss): Warwickshire (4pts) beat Yorkshire by five

NICK KNIGHT stole the show on the final appearance of Harold "Dickie" Bird, the inimitable umpire, in county cricket, calling on all his experience as a specialist oneday opener to lift Warwickshire into second place in the Axa League and give them £22,000 in prize-money (Pat Gibson writes).

It looked as though Warwickshire were going to finish empty-handed when they slipped to 125 for five in pursuit of a target of 192 on an awkward pitch, but Knight was then joined by Ashley 'Giles in a partnership of 67 in Il overs that swept them to

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

FALL OF WICKETS 1-25, 2-39, 3-68, 4-160, 5-182, 6-176, 7-197, 8-204, 9-215 BOMUNG, Cowan 8-0-32-2, Ilgit 8-0-44-2, Ikan 8-0-38-3, Such 8-0-56-1, Grayson 8-0-43-0

Total (26.1 overs) 91 FALL OF WICKETS 1-45, 2-49, 3-64, 4-68, 5-76, 5-76, 8-77, 9-86

BOWLING. Ormand 8-1-36-2. Simmons 8-0-33-1; Mason 5-1-2-12-4, Williamson 5-1-9-2

Middlesex v

Gloucestershire

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Total (5 wids, 40 overs) 198 J Levis, AM Smith and C A Wash old not be FALL OF WICKETS 1-3, 2-17, 3-92, 4-99, 5-172, 6-173

BOMUNG, Hawitt 8-0-26-2; Fraser 8-1-31-0; Kattlaborough 6-0-29-0; Johnson 8-0-45-0; Dutch 8-0-48-2; Weeken 2-0-12-2

TABLE

(Last year's positions in brackets)

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Umpires, A.A. Jones and J.W. Holder

victory with nine balls to

It was a sad anti-climax for Yorkshire - and for Bird, who left the ground where he first appeared as a 15-year-old in the nets 50 years ago with a bruised knee, suffered when he could not get out of the way of a shot from Parker. The consolation for Yorkshire was that they scraped into ninth place which takes them into the first division of the new National League next season.

They thought a total of 191 for seven would be enough when Fisher, their young left-arm spinner, took three wickets, including that of Lara, but they were denied by Knight who, remarkably, had not passed 50 in the league all season. He finished unbeaten on 92 off 99 balls.

IK R Brown c Russels b Lewis
R A Kettleborough low b Lewis
M R Ramprakesh a Russell b Alleyne
A J Strauss c Alleyne b Hancock
P M Weekes b Alleyne
O A Shar to Bawson b Smith
P Dutch c Windows b Alleyne
D J Gondfold not out

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Northamptonshire v Sussex NORTHAMPTON (Susses mon toss). North amptonshire (4pts) beat Susses by 89 runs

Umpres. D.R. Shepherd and K.E. Paimor

amptonshire (4pts) load sussea by a MORTHAMPTONSHIRE M B Love C Carpenter b Rao AL Perbority c Martin-Jerbers b Rob K M Guran c Edwards b Babes D J G Sales c Bates b Edwards PJ Balley C Robinson b Bales T C Walton c Carpenter b Kirley J N Snape not out C P Swaran not out Estras (b 5, b 6, w 11) Theat 49 wides, 36 Overal)

1D Ripley, FA Rose and J P Toylor did not bat FALL OF WICKETS 1-51, 2-73, 3-111, 4-129 5-144, 6-167.

BOMUNG: Kirtley 7-0-30-1, Edwards 7-0-29 1, Robinson 8-1-15-1; News) 3-0-17-0; Rao 3-0-32-1; Bales 6-0-42-2; Adams 2-0-15-0

C-22-1: Bates 6-0-4-22- Adama 2-0-13-0
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J Batter not out
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Worcestershire v

Hampshire

WORCESTER (Worcestershire wan toss) Worcestershire (4pts) beat Hampshire by four

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A R C Fraser did not but

#### Middlesex fare badly on day of farewells LORD'S (Middlesex won Ramprakash may be thinking

toss): Gloucestershire (4pts) beat Middlesex by 22 runs

IT was a day for farewells at Lord's yesterday Uack Bailey writes). Mike Gatting's retirement after 372 championship appearances as a Middlesex player was marked by the presentation of a silver claret jug to the old boy, who was suitably touched.

Farewell, too, to the old Lord's press box after 40-odd vears. It was also the end of the Axa 40-over league. As a result of this match. Gloucestershire will play in the first division and Middlesex in the second when the national league begins next year.

So this game had a touch of spice that was reflected in the approach of both teams.

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BOWLING McLeon 8-0-40-1: Connor 8-0-27-3\* James 2-0-14-0. Mascarenhas 8-1-25-2; Skephenson 6-0-31-2; Udal 8-1-28-1

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Yorkshire v Warwickshire

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twice about having his tonsils out on Tuesday. He plays pretty well with them and his half-century from 72 balls put Middlesex in the driving seat. Thirty overs into their innings, needing 187 to win, they

were ahead of the game; but they collapsed under the weight of having to score 80 off the last ten. Alleyne took three for two in eight balls hereabouts to complete a season as triumphant for him as it has been wretched for Middlesex. Gloucestershire owed much to Hancock and Russell, who

were chiefly responsible for the 81 added in the last ten overs. Hancock's fifty from 36 balls and Russell's 36 proved decisive in setting a target that Middlesex only fleetingly found within range.

# SATURDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship Durham v Surrey

CHESTER-LE-STREET (final day of four) Surrey (20pts) beat Durham (6) by 121 runs SURREY: First Innings 323 (A J Hollicalu 67. A O Brown 51, J Wood 4 for 87)

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J A Daley not out
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BOWLING, Bicknet 12-3-30-2, Benjamin 17-5-35-6; Butcher 7-1-11-1, B G Hollingke 1,50-8-1. Umpires. D J Constant and G Sharo Glamorgan v Derbyshire

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Worcestershire v Hampshire

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Yorkshire v Warwickshire HEADINGLEY (final day of four): Yorkshire (2-lpts) best Warwickshire (2) by an imings and 27 runs

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# Going out at the top is best of decisions

As he retires from first-class cricket, Dickie Bird looks back at some of the highlights and low points of his outstanding umpiring career

#### A TYPICAL DISASTER

ALTHOUGH I was sad not to be involved with international cricket myself any longer. I really enjoyed going round the county circuit on a sort of farewell tour in 1997, shaking hands with all my old friends. wishing them well and saying my goodbyes.

One day, however, I stayed at the ground rather longer than I intended. Sussex were playing Essex at Hove and at the end of the day's play I came off the field, had a shower, changed and decided to wind down for a while in the umpires' room before making my way to the hotel where I was staying. David Constant was standing with me for that match and he left as soon as he had changed, taking the umpires' room key with him and ocking the door as he went out. That was not a problem, because I had told him I would make my way out through the back door, which led into the area where the groundsman kept his mower. cutters, rollers etc.

However, when I eventually made my way through the back to the outer door, it was locked. Peter Earon, the head groundsman, who would undoubtedly have a key, had long since gone. So had the girl on the switchboard. So had all the office staff. Every-body had gone. Except Dickle Bird. And he was locked in. I

spent more than two hours in there, banging on the door and shouting: "Help! Help! Let me out. Let me out." It was ten past nine when the security guards finally heard me as they did their rounds. Was t relieved when they released me! I thought I was going to have to spend the endre night in

toothbrush. The next day, when Conny and I walked out at five minutes to 11, all the Essex players lined up and clapped me on to the field. Obviously, the story had got round. You simply can't keep anything quiet in cricket circles.

there - and I hadn't even got a

I've been at grounds very early in the morning, as you well know, but that was the latest I'd stayed on at night - except, of course, for the 1975 World Cup final between Australia and the West Indies at Lord's, when they were still playing at five minutes to nine.

#### IN BED? NOT LIKELY

I ONCE appeared on The Big Breakfast and they wanted to interview me in bed with a fella called Lily Savage. "No way," I said.

They argued: "But we've in-terviewed Gary Lineker, Frank Brumo and your mate lan Botham on that bed and they had no objection." I said: "Well, you're not get-

ting Dickie Bird in there, I can tell you that now. I'm not go-



Final curtain: Bird prepares to take his leave at Headingley this week

ing to leap into bed with a bloke dressed up in a wig and a nightie and wearing lashings of make-up. If you want to interview me, then you'll have to do it while I'm sitting on a chair. Otherwise, I'm taking thext train back to Barnsley." So that's what they did. I wasn't going to stand for any of that in-the-bed nonsense.

#### THE AUSTRALIANS

I STOOD at Tests featuring the Australians in the early Seventies, when Ian Chappell was captain. They had a great side in those days, including those two magnificent fast bowlers. Dennis Lillee and Jeff Thomson, with Max Walker a very fine support bowler. Variety was provided by Ashley Mallett, one of the best off spinners at the time. With those two top-notch brothers, the Chappells, in the middle order, and a great wicketkeeper in Rodney Marsh, there was a solid backbone to a superb

I have always admired the Australian approach to the game. They are always so totally dedicated. You can never write them off, they are so com-

petitive.
People have complained to me about the Aussies' sledging, but I can say that I have had no problems whatsoever with that from any Australian Test player. I treated them as professional men and found

#### that, in return, they were straight and honest with me.

THAT JAMAICA PITCH

AT THE first Test in Jamaica last winter, which was abandoned hecause uf the poor state of the pitch. I felt very sorry for the people from Eng-land who had paid a lot of money to go all that way to watch a Test match, only for it

to be called off. I do not blame the West Indian authorities, though, and certainly not the groundstaff. It was a relaid pitch and they came unstuck with it. You can never tell in such situations. Some pitches can look really rough before a Test and yet play magnificently, but on this one there was a remarkable amount of uneven bounce.

If I had been umpiring, I would have allowed play to go on a little bit longer —until the ball got soft — then 1 would have had another look at how the pitch was playing. However, to be fair, you have to take into consideration the safety of the players. That is the prime concern and that Is what the umpires did. They also called the two captains and the match referee into their deliberations and all were agreed

that they had to come off. Looking back, it would have been better to play the Test on a pitch that had not been relaid. They always say you should leave a new pitch for

four or five years to settle. On the other hand, the pitch at Port of Spain, Trinidad, which had also been relaid, developed into a very good one after "doing a bit" early on and the last two pitches, in Barbados and Antigua, were two of the

#### UMPIRE'S FAREWELL

best I've ever seen.

AT THE end of that 1997 season, I received a lener from the England and Wales Cricket Board congratulating me on my standard of umpiring and asking me to stay on for another year. My marks had been tremendous and I honestly thought that I had umpired as well as ever. That got me to thinking that maybe I had made a mistake. Maybe I had reored from international cricket too soon. Maybe I should have gone out against Australia in the summer of 1997.

However, life is all ifs and buts, I could have gone on, had a stinker of a season and made a fool of myself. As it is, the last Test I did — England v India at Lord's - was one of the best I have ever done from an umpiring point of view, so l went out on a high note, at the top and at Lord's, just like I always wanted.

#### O Dickie Bird

Extracts from Dickie Bird: My Autobiography (£6.99 paper-back, published by Hodder

## Stay-in-bed Tudor must prove he can rise to the occasion

une the funniest thing this early autumn, apart from Mark Nicholas's appalling anempt to play the "air guitar" at Willis's summer shindig, was the startling confession of young Alex Tu-dor. The ferociously fast Surrev bowler heard of his selection for the Australia tour as he was lolling under the cov-

"I was in bed," our brillian new pace bowler said, "and my dad told me to turn on the television." Hang on a minute. The England team was announced at 10.30am and Tudor was still in bed? Are we to take it that this young chap, not yet 21, couldn't be bothered to turn back the duvet and greet the morning when such good news was imminent? This followed Ben Hollioake tipping up 50 minutes late for a net before the Oval Test.

No maner what one thinks of Tudor's selection, and it seems a bit dicey given his fitness record, this confession really is an eye-opener. "I have to grab the opportunity and show what I can do," young Tudor said. By 'eck, lad. you're learning! The first thing you can do is to get up with the birds - unless you've had a night on the tiles, in which case you can lie in unol 9am.

I don't think I'm breaching any diplomatic secrets if 1 reveal exclusively that young men have it much too easy these days. Yehudi Menuhin, once described by George Steiner as "the best-loved performer in the history of the performing arts", still practises the fiddle three hours every day - and he's almost as old

as Bradman. David Suchet, who is shortly to play Salieri in Peter Hall's revival of Amadeus, reckoned it took him 375 hours to learn his lines. Three hundred and seventy five hours! Why, even Michael Atherton could make a century in that time. Just remember that the next time some dimwit calls actors "luvvies". But young Tudor, fagged with the exhaustion of bowling 184 overs this



summer, 71 more than Muralitharan did against England at the Oval, has a lie-in on the best day of his life.

Tudor, the latest great fastbowling hope, has been "fast-tracked" to Perth. This is the new youth policy and it has its merits, so long as players book their passage on either exceprional promise or performance, which Tudor hasn't so far. Let's hope he comes back two feet taller and a good deal fitter, but if he doesn't, there is always somebody else. There

always is.
If Tudor has any doubts, he can always consult a man who hangs his hat in the same dressing-room. Martin Bicknell is now 29 and played only twice for England, but he was once a young man with a mission. As a teenager it seemed inconceivable that he would not become an England open-

ing bowler. Injury held him back and prevented him from developing into the bowler his admirers wanted him to be.

There was some talk of him gening the nod for Australia this ome, but it was a bit fanciful. really. His opportunity came and went, as opportuniries tend to. They cannot be redeemed years later, like insur-

ance policies.

The last Ashes party included Marrin McCague, who was - is - capable of bowling pretty quickly. He fell by the way-side, as have Richard Johnson and Glen Chapple, who were earmarked for stardom at an early age. Chris Lewis we know about. Alan Ward, Ken Shunleworth, Paul Jarvis - it's a long list.

very now and then, something clicks. Boh Willis was plucked out of obscurity in 1970 to go to Australia and was not significantly harmed by early promonon. But the liner of broken English bowlers is almost as numerous as the wreckage on Napoleon's retreat from Mos-

Bob Cottam, the England bowling coach, is making noises about Tudor's pace and willingness to learn. He may be right, Tudor may explode all over Australia - but if he comes home crocked, wicketless and a bit shell-shocked. don't say I didn't warn you,



Morning stretch: Tudor, the late-rising England recruit

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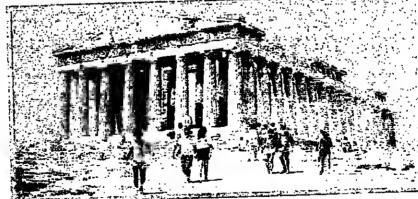
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And I found myself offertlingly at odds with the local mood. I always thought teapin bowling was a pleasingly naff sort of pastime rather than a sport - dominoes standing up — and the fact that people would bring bonles of Tiger and Anchor beer to your lane as you bowled only confirmed this, making it a thoroughly pleasant way to work up an appetite for one of those curries served o*n* a banana leaf in

the Upper Serangoon Road.

ment, but in the lanes alongside me and my pals at the bowling alley, we were regarded with amused contempt. For we knew nothing of the conventions, still less of the spiritual value of what we were doing. It was as if we had turned up to play golf at St Andrews dressed as a pantomime horse, or we had turned up full of the drunken giggles at a Zen archery

For all around us, they were putting their hears and their souls into these balls, these lanes, these pins. And it was not funny to watch: it was really rather wonderful, in its way. I was passing the fime.

Was that the most delicious food in the world?

More about food in a mothis being a pastime: they were taking part in serious sport.

More, the jogo bonito — the beautiful game.

And they made such beautiful shapes, perhaps even doing so a trifle self-consciously, but there are plenty of batsmen whose cover drive is a thing of self-conscious beauty. The Tenpin Bowler: the great marble masterpiece that Rodin never carved. He really should have done: the follow-through. the final flourish of the wrist, the matador swerve of the hips. It was lovely to watch and no doubt lovelier still to

panied by the fanfare of falling pins, the tenpin bowler's liferattle. So it was inevitable that they should introduce tenpin



bowling when the Commonwealth Games came to Kuala Lumpur, the Malaysians being filled with the same devotional intensity for the

game. The game has two great attractions for the participants: (I) it is very easy and (2) it is very difficult. The ultimate achievement in the game is a strike. Well, I can do that. Not everyone can throw a 180 at darts or put all five in the

But anyone can roll a strike: all the pins down at once, rattle-rattle, hurrah-hurrah, nime for a Tiger.
But rolling 12 consecutive

strikes, the perfect game, 300 points; only the very best do that. This is at the same time a game of banal simplicity and vast complexity.

Another great charm, of course, is that you don't have to be all that fit to play, or even run a marathon in two hours ten, or 100 metres in even time.

All the same, it was rather ungallant of David Vine, on Sunday Grandstand, to talk about Gemma Burden that way. "She tells me that she's been too frightened to try Malaysian food," he said. (Tell her you used to get a mean banana-leaf curry in Jalan Brickfields.) But then he added: "But she's been a regular in

the burger bar!" It must be dreadful to be a television commentator: that awful moment when, quite by accident, you say exactly what you are thinking. Gemma - 1 don't wish to be ungallant myself - unquestionably has the air of a regular in burger

fact, she has every appearance of being a lady who loves burger bars not wisely, but too

She can chuck that cannon-ball about the place all right. though, and she and Pauline Buck, her partner, another who is not, I think a total stranger to burger bars, bowled England to a bronze

Malaysia, second in the women's doubles behind Australia — and they call Cara Jane Honeychurch the Victoria Dynamo!" - won the men's doubles with Kenny Ang and the controversial selection. Ben Heng. "Listen to the atmosphere!"

It was a poor event for

to be among the very best. Not as fit as you need to be to, say, other than Kuala Lumpur. In other than Kuala Lumpur. In computer that could only show two digits at a time, poor show in a sport that has its being in the hundreds. I mustn't tease poor old Vine loo much: he was working hard with the odds stacked against him.

And anyway. I always love it when a sport becomes, for a brief moment, a cult success, as curling (remember Roaring Kirsty Hay?) did in the Winter Olympic Games in February. It is all too easy to mock tenpin bowling and curling (which is exactly why I have done, of course), but there is no escaping the moral: either all sports are silly, or none is. Me — well, as usual. I'm off to practise my dressage.

## Journey towards domination of world sport continues at Commonwealth Games in Malaysia

# Australians advance under gold standard

Book was written. the prevailing line was that the meek would inherit the earth. But that was before our Australian cousins got going, Last night in Kuala Lumpur, they so dominated Commonwealth Games that green and gold, particularly around the pool.

where Australia were making a clean sweep with world-record performances. the only colours.

As Advance Australio Foir rings incessantly out in dation, but also temperatures into the spectacular arenas here, il becomes apparent that the Australians are prepared to do the work, to pay the price and to compete with everything in their means to advance towards the greater domination, at the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, and to take on allcomers, all supposed superpowers, of sporting

competition. When you look at lan Thorpe. the Sydney phenomenon, a 15-year-old who takes size 17 shoes. you have to fear that there is something in the breeding Down Under. When you consider that Australia is spending £1.05 billion for the Olympics and setting aside £50 million for the preparation of athletes alone, you can see that Kuala Lumpur happens to be just a nice linle stepping-stone on the

The Australians, winning at all costs, grow daily like Americans. They talk of their targets being "awesome", they describe this event as "the meet" and, lest we doubt it, they say that they are "up

It takes special competetiveness

to beat them. Australia won 87

gold medals at the 1994 Common-



Victoria, more than a third of those available. They are up for at least 100

Sue Rolph, a game lass from Newcastle-upon-Tyne, had the composure, the deep addiction to training and the stamina to beat Susie O'Neill, Australia's "water maiden". for the first thrilling gold, in the 100 metres freestyle. To do that, she withstood not only the competition. not merely the intimi-

the high 30s centigrade and in humidity close to 100 per cent. The England men gymnasts showed the same brand of per-

verse stubbornness in eclipsing Australia for the team gold at the weekend. They did it indomitably. despite losing Andrew Atherion, whose knee had dislocated on a harsh landing from the vault last month, and despite Lee McDer-mon having to feather his every dismount from the apparatus because he, too, had his right knee reconstructed in January and will require arthroscopic surgery when he returns.

"We haven't finished with the medals yet." Craig Heap, the chullient gymnastics team captain, said last night. "There's more to come. And we are all English, and proud of it, so we don't mind that the Aussies have taken two Russians on their team\*

The gymnasts and Rolph know full well that they are lighting against a system. The Canberra Institute of Sport has developed and served Australia for more than a decade and, even with £460 million of lottery money allocated for sport in Great Britain, that is for everything from administra-



Canada.

non to improvement uf facilities since 1994. Heap suggested that it will take a further decade before British athletes are prepared on a

par with the Australians. Jay Sweet, another Australian. prevailed in the 184-kilometre cycling road race, but only by the space of a wheel: his great contest

was not only with battle cramp, which locked up his legs in the cruel midday heat, but also to see off Nor Effandy Rosli. of Malaysia, who was defying a century of tradition to win the first cycling medal that his country has taken at any leading event. He is 31, the son of a racing cyclist and he had not even finished the road race at the Commonwealth Games in

"I had to keep reminding myself that I could compete against a team of international cyclists and that if I could beat them.perhaps other Malaysian athletes could also do it," Effandy said. "We should not think too highly of the foreign athletes."

In this one small, slight Malaysian, we had personification of the

Games slogan: "Malaysia Boleh" - Malaysia Can. It is an expression of human spirit, something for which sport was devised. Looking back to that wonderful opening night of the Games, this spirit had manifested itself 100,000 times. In a land whose Prime Minister. Mahathir bin Mohamad, has summarily sacked his heir apparent, a land groping against the recession of Asian currencies, it was indeed remarkable evidence that their country can.

Perhaps we never should have doubted it, for whereas Australia is showing the fruits of injecting massive resources into sport. Ma-laysia hopes to use sport to establish a new image around the

Everyone knows about Singapore," one leading organiser said. but they never seemed to think that Malaysia, for so long a colony within the Commonwealth, could organise on this scale."

Behind that efficiency is the executive chairman of Sukom Ninety Eight, the organismg committee. The retired general, Tan Sri Hashim Mohd Ali, trained at Sandhurst, had a military background spanning 38 years, culminating as chief of the

#### They are showing the fruits of having injected huge resources into their sport'

defence forces, and an education at Harvard Business School. And behind him there are 8,057 members of the armed forces involved in organising and securing these first Commonwealth Games on

the continent of Asia. a pity, then, that the resource fulness and smoothness displayed on the night of the opening ceremony has disintegrated. The next morning, some 300 people who arrived with tickets for the swimming events were locked out for two hours because someone forgot that the heats began at 9 o'clock.

Yesterday, thousands were made to queue in the heat, humidity and threatening rain for another two hours, this time because the Prime Minister and the king wished to see the gymnasncs - but they could not make the starting time and so, for the convenience of celebrities, Malaysia's Games were put back two hours without notice being given.

Yes, Malaysia can. Certainly Australia will and all of us, it seems, must bear with it while we wait for the periodic moments of high human endeavour transcending the fimelessness and, sometimes, the carelessness of life in the tropics.

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## Lessons to be learned

From Mr A Abeyawardene

Sir, England seem to have lost more than a Test Match at the Oval. Even before the result. excuses for a humiliation were already being discussed and distributed. This has all followed a familiar pattern: lose a match or series and then hype up the possibility of unfair play. Unsuitable pitches and dubious bowling actions have this time usurned the previous diet of balltampering and questionable umpiring decisions.

A lot could have been learned by David Lloyd from summer. South Africa, particularly Hansie Cronje and Jonty Rhodes, who, in defeat. were exemplary and magnanimous, even though they could justifiably have complained about some of the close umpiring decisions that they experienced over their five-match series. It was significant that Alec Stewart was left to comment on the Oval defeat, whilst Lloyd was conspicuous

by his absence. The fact that Sri Lanka may have outclassed, outplayed and outthought their opposition has been somewhat ig-

nored by the England coach. This should not come as a surprise if the calibre of the icams is analysed. It is debatable if any of England's current crop would claim a single place in a World Cricket XI while Srt Lanka could arguably press for at least three places with the likes of Aravinda de Silva. Sanath Jayasuriya and Muttiah

Muralitharan. To this list should be added the considerable tactical prowess of Ariuna Ranatunga, the cantain, who could now claim to be the best leader both on and off the field in world cricket. Not only has he revolutionised the one-day game by winning the World Cup and convincingly maintained that form in different conditions around the globe. but he is now about to turn on its head the conventional wisdom nf the five-day game.

To put the opposition in on a flat pitch was judged as a suicidal or, at best, a negative move by every cricket commentator, yet, by the end of even the third day's play. when the game's balance of power irrevocably shifted. Ranatunga had proved that he had conclusively outmanoeuvred not only his opposite

number, but also the pundits. By playing to the strengths of his team, he masterminded an outrageous strategy and

## **SPORTS LETTERS**

Easy on the eye and tough enough for rugby

From Mr P Lovatt

Sir. I found John Bryant's article on contact lenses in sport (Bryant's Eye, September 3) most interesting. I had to wear speciacles from a very early age and, on the advice of my rugby coach, was fitted with haptic lenses as an tl-year-old in 1964. These enabled me to play rugby to a county standard and were still doing sterling service 20 years later, when transerred to soft lenses.

Haptic lenses were some of the earliest protective equipment available to players. I heard that such a lens had once saved a miner's life. Debris struck him in the eye, but the only damage was a cracked lens. One of the few

ways to break a hapric lens was to tread on it. I thought I'd lost a contact lens during the late Eighties, while playing for Frome rugby club at Dorchester, but I soon spotted it as we were filing into the changing-rooms. It was stuck to the Vaseline on the ear of the opposition's prop

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decisively turned the screw on his beleaguered opposite The name of Ranatunga can rank alongside the post-war great caplains Richie Benaud, Ray Yours etc Illingworth, Ian Chappell, Clive Lloyd. Mike Brearley

If nothing else was learned over the five days, the brand of entertaining cricket consis-

. tently played by the Sri Lankans, which was the best of a rich summer, was not lost on the rapt. near-capacity crowds at the Oval. Sri Lanka is a country in lurmoil and England can do better as hosts to its visiting cricketers than find fault with a prodigious Tamil talent who is working in harmony in a united Sri

and Imran Khan.

Tim Lamb can correct some of the misunderstandings of the past by confirming the dates of a full series.

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Need to embrace From Mr Ridzuon Farouk

Sir. Further to Rob Hughes's comment on the Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur [The Tintes. September 9]. it is likely that athletes to the 2002 Games in Manchester will also experience opressive weather (if you come from the equator), poverty amongst op-

ulence and discouragement to take drugs. In a month when the World Health Organisation has commended Malaysia for its poverty eradication, one hopes that the athletes will also come to Manchester with the United Nations reporting an improvement in Britain's standing of having one-in-six people living in poverty 1The Times. September 9). Britain should embrace its former colonies in constructive friendship so that fledgling democracies may develop, even if

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The Times cannot.

## McGwire is a genuine hero

From Mr John Stein

Sir, Like Mr Bryanı Ireport. September 10). 1 prefer to admire the home run accom-plishments of baseball great Mark McGwire, rather than "wonder" at them. Indeed, I do admire them. However, Mr Bryani does not present a balanced view of the dietary supplement 'andro' and

McGwire's use of it. First, McGwire has been a prolific home-run hiner his entire career. Last year, prior to using andro, he hit 58 homers. The year before it was 53. Achieving 62 is no fluke.

Second, according to numerous reports in US newspapers. McGwire began using the supplement only after consultation with his doctor. Third. McGwire assures us that if Major League Baseball

reverses current policy and disallows andro, he will cease using it. I believe him. So admire the home runs and admire the man. He is a gentle giant who is genuine to

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#### The name game From Mr W Abercrombie

Sir. With Richmond RFC and London Sconish RFC moving to Reading and Twickenham, they will wish to adopt more appropriate names (I suggest Thames Valleytudinairians and Swop Conquerors). This would clear the way for the formation of a Richmond RFC and London Scottish RFC, who could become co-tenants at the Athletic Ground.

> Yours faithfully, WILLIAM J. ABERCROMBIE. 100 Mortlake Road, Kew. Richmond. Surrey TW9 4AS aber@clara.net

Poetry in motion From Mr Roy Dean

Sir. A comment un the recent England international: A confident coach called Clenn Hoddle Thought that beoting the Swedes was a doddle. But o fast-moving team Ouickly shottered his dream;

He'll hove no regrets - but his

Yours sportively. ROY DEAN. 14 Blyth Road, Bromley, Keni BRI 3RX.

squad'll.

#### This week in THE TIMES



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■ Wednesday How have British clubs fared in their firstround matches in the Uefa Cup?

Thursday Alex Ferguson, above, and his Manchester United team set off once more on their quest for the European Cup. How did they do at home to Barcelona?

Saturday Foothall Saturday: the Premiership matchby-match and Danny Baker.

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## Commonwealth Games: England medal-winners halt Australian domination of swimming events

# Hickman consoled by silver

FROM CRAIG LORD IN KUALA LUMPUR

crumbled, but on a night when Australia claimed the first world record of the Com-monwealth Games. James Hickman, of England con-quered disillusionment 10 claim a silver medal in the 400 metres medley, 40 minutes after being thrown out of the 100 metres hunerfly final for a 'deliberate" false start.

There were two other silver medals for England, couriesy of a courageous effort by Karen Pickering in the 200 metres freestyle and the 4 x 200 metres freestyle squad who finished 12 seconds behind the Australian quartet that shaved 0.09sec off the world record to win in 7min 11.86sec and claim their country's fifth victory of

the night.

Sydney's boy wonder, Ian
Thorpe, 15, led off the relay in
a second attempt on the individual 200 metres world
record, which he missed by just 0.01sec on Saturday, when he won in Imin 46.70sec. This time, he missed his target by



Hickman is astonished at

A LESSER man might have more than half a second but put his team well inside the record pace set by Russia at the Olympic Games in 1992. Daniel Kowalski and Matthew Dunn followed through, and Michael Klim, the world 200 metres champion, dug deep to help bring the 4 x 200m record back to Australia for the first time in 28 years. Thorpe, whose flipper-like feet are one of the wonders of world swimming, is the youngest man to hold a world swimming record since his compatriot. Stephen Holland.

> The team's effort also showed that Klim's coach, Gennadi Touretski has not lost his touch. The Russian coached the Olympic champi-ons of 1992 before leaving to head the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra. There was relief, too, for Dunn, who as world No 4 in the 400 metres medley had sacrificed an almost certain gold medal in that event to concentrate his en-

> ergies on the relay.
> That left the medley a battle between Hickman, 22, and two Australians, delightfully named Trent Steed and Zanc The Englishman, coached by Terry Denison, at Leeds, had been harshly treated in his first race of the night. his false start in the 100 metres butterfly deemed "deliberate" by Tan Eng Chai, a referee in-experienced at this level.

As he approached Hick-man, who had already fined up for the second start, he twice said "sorry" for having to pull him from the race. It is rare for the clumsy rule to be applied in major champion-

"I tried to explain to him



Celebrations for the record-breaking Australian quartet. Thorpe, left, embraces Klim and Dunn hugs Kowalski

man said, explaining his false start."I heard a clicking noise behind me and I was really hyped. I just went. It was surreal. I just couldn't believe he was pulling me from the race. I was just glad Terry was there

to say 'forget it, you've got another race to think about." ·Hickman, having said he might "get angry about it later" chanelled that anger into the 400 metres race. Determination just cozed from Hickman who, having turned three

Rob Hughes reports

on a narrow England

defeat and the bravery

of one young competitor

ENGLAND lost a compelling

contest for gold against Aus-

gymnastics yesterday evening.

artistry on the beam by

16-year-old Lisa Mason, from

with excellence on the floor

This reversed Saturday's

equally close finish when Eng

land pipped Australia in the

men's team event. It was sport

fit for the king of Malaysia, the

Yang Dipertan Agong, and

the head of state, Mahathir

bin Mohamed, both of whom were in Bukit Jalil's indoor are-

They missed, however,

classic mini-drama in the after-

noon when Holly Murdock,

from Northern Ireland, over-

came the struggle within her-

na in Kuala Lumpur.

exercise.

cut the delicit before a sensational last turn that left him at Steed's waist.

Hickman battled every inch of the way down the final 50 metres but the wall came just too soon and he was beaten by 0.28sec but his time of 4min 20.17sec was 1.37sec inside his own British record. His removal from the butter-

fly had helped Australia to their second 1-2-3 in the pool. Geoff Huegill claiming his first Commonwealth title in 52.89sec, a Games record, with Adam Pine second and Klim third. Hickman, who had beld the Games record for a few minutes before Huegill took it heats, said the final times suggested he would could have won the silver medal at the very least. "I'm not going to dwell on it, I've got three other

races to focus on," he said. Australia also relebrated a comfortable win, in 2min 27.30sec, by the former world champion Samantha Riley in the 200 metres breaststroke, clean sweep of golds when she led for the first 150 metres of the 200 metres freestyle final. Racing in the first lane, she

was overhauled by Susie O'Neill in the final 15 metres of the race but was delighted, with the silver medal after the disappointment of losing her 100 metres title to her team-mate, Susan Rolph, on Saturday. Rolph, from Newcastle, clocked a Commonwealth record of 55.17sec to claim England's first title of the Games and will be a hot favourite for

## Goode stays on course for hat-trick

FROM RICHARD EATON

ENGLAND became strong favourites for one gold medal and have an outside chance of taking the other gold as well as almost everything went the way of both their squads on the penulnmate day of the bad-

minton team event. The women took a winning 3-0 lead against Malaysia. quelling the fervour of a home crowd which had shrieked and screamed their heroines to a win over the top-seeded New Zealanders the previous

They eventually won 3-2 while the men disposed of New Zealand 4-1 in a match which saw the tournament's outstanding singles player. Ong Ewe Hock, perform the splits while attempting a lunge at the net. He fell again after a couple more railies and had to be taken from the court

on a stretcher. Ong, the world No 5, will take no further part in the team event which means that. provided that England's men make no mistakes against India this morning, they will play Malaysia for the gold in the evening with an opportunity to cause an upset they could

y to cause an upset they could scarcely have dreamt of.
"I had a feeling it would be a good day," England's Danish coach, Asger Madsen, said.
"Everyone was looking very confident in the morning."
It was just as well Jufia Mann, Tracty Hallam and Re-

becca Pantaney were feeling at the top of their form for they had to survive an ordeal by decibels the like of which they

had never experienced previ-

Mann and Hallam came up with crucial singles wins against Woon Sze Mei and Law Pei Pei respectively and Pantaney did well while losing in a dead encounter against the to-year-old discovery, Ng Mee Fen. The winning 3-0 lead was made possible by the return of Joanne Goode, sufficiently recovered from conjuncovids to play in spectacles and partner Donna Kellogg to a straight games win in the top

Goode, who caught the infection from her baby son, Jack, continues to prosper on the court since becoming a moth-er. If she is part of the gold medal squad roday she has an outstanding chance of going on to a hat-trick of gold medals for she is favourite in both the women's doubles and mixed

With luck the women could be virtually sure of gold by lunch. If they win 4-1 or 5-0 against Australia in the morning it would take an outlandishly freakish result against India in the evening for them not to finish top of the final pool. Madsen's lucky feeling looks

like continuing. England's rugby sevens team, led by Chris Sheasby, reached the quarter-finals by beating Trinidad and Tobago by 50-7 after their earlier 19-12 defeat by Western Samoa, Wales also progressed as the other best placed runner-up. New Zealand ran in 15 tries in beating the Bahamas by 93-0.

Souyave

hits out

after rout

FROM CATHY HARRIS

IT may not matter in the final

reckoning, but the fact that England only managed to de-

feat Namibia 8-0 left coach

## Stunned Parke suffers second-round exit

SIMON PARKE, the British champion and England No I, was surprisingly beaten in the second round of the men's squash singles at the Games yesterday. He was defeated 94, 09, 29, 95, 91, io 88 minutes by David Evans, the 23-year-old Welsh champion, who is ranked 20 places

"It is a dream lost," Parke said. "f have no words to describe how desperate I feel." Cassandra Jackman, the No 3 seed in the women's singles medals, was also afflicted by nerves and stood 4-8 down in the fifth game to Claire Nitch, of South Africa. Jackman escaped only because her

opponent "choked" on ber match point. "I have never had such a lucky escape," Jackman said. "Claire

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tensed on a backhand drop for the match. I was never so glad to see a ball hit the tin."

Paul Johnson and Mark Challoner will provide England's representatives in the men's quarter-finals. Challoner faces Nicol, of Scotland, the No I seed, and Johnsoo's task is almost as tough against the Rodney and world champion.

Evans will meet Jonathon Power, of Canada, the No 2 seed, and Alex Gough, also of Wales, plays Craig Wannick of South Africa, today, These are normal squasb confrontations we have experienced all over the world," Johnson said. "I am awed walking around the sports venues here. I have never felt anything like the emotion of the opening cereBY OUR SPORTS STAFF

mony on Friday. I was close to tears. God knows what it would be like to win a medal."

There were also surprises in the bowls competition, notably the 43-3 hammering inflicted on the New Zealand pair, Bruce McNish and Brian my Allen, of Northern Ireland. Even more surprising yesterday, however, was the way Graham and Allen, the oew favourites, fell from grace against Canada and Botswana. while McNish and Baldwin bounced back to beat Wales and the same Canada pairiog that had humbled Northern Ireland.

For Willie Wood, Scotland's most when the opposing skip sent the jack famous bowler, who is appearing in out of bounds with a last-bowl fluke

his sixth Commonwealth Games, it was a desperately unhappy week-end. He felt snubbed by Colin McEachran, the team manager, who asked Doug Walker, an athlete, to carry the team flag at the opening ceremony. Then he squandered a 21-14 lead and lost 24-25 to John Price, of

Wales, in his opening match. cent total of 15 wins in 16 matches across six events. John Ottaway and David Cutler, the England pair, suffered the most disappointing defeat

of the weekend. Going into the last end against Brett Duprez and Mark Jacobsen, of Australia, with a cushion of two shots, they looked certain winners and dropped a treble oo the replay to lose by one. The shooting events produced two

gold medals for England. First, Ni-

gel Wallace and Chris Hector won the first gold after scoring 1,173 points in the pairs men's air rifle They went went one better than

picked up a silver medal.

Nick Baxter and Michael Gault, who cannot practise at home because of gun restrictions, won with a total score of 1,093. The former shot 548 and the latter 545.

Earlier, Shirley Melntosh and Susan Bell had claimed Scotland's first medal of the Games when they took the bronze in the women's pairs sport rifle prone event

distress, but could not turn

away. It got worse. Murdock rehearsed her next routine, the

floor exercise, leapt high, and

landed on the nape of her

neck. Popa offered Murdoch

another maternal hug and

Murdock then reached deep

inside her tiny frame that

measures 4ft 8ins or so. This

time she came through un-

scathed and, to applause that

would rarely be equalled, was

awarded a 9.375 score that was

earned on merit. It was

enough to give Murdock the

Her competition over, Mur-

dock's face radiated genuine relief, not because she had

fallen, but because she had not

Later the more experienced.

but scarcely bigger girls in a sport where 50 kilos is a handi-

cap, overtook Northern ire-

land, who eventually finished

sixth. England which like

Ulster now benefits from

former east european exper-

tise, their coach Teodora Bla-

goeva, won the silver medal

through Annika Reeder, Kelly

Hackman, Melissa Wilcox

half-way lead.

let her side down.

and Gemma Cuff.

more words of re-assurance.

## England cut up Kenyans

FROM SYDNEY FRISKIN

ENGLAND remained on course for the semi-finals of tournament yesterday, with their 3-1 victory over Kenya giving them a total of four points from two matches. They still face two difficult obstades, however, in Malaysia and Pakistan.

England dominated both periods of play, but it was the Kenyans who looked the more constructive side, despite their lack of finishing power.

On the basis of their territorial supremacy. England deserved to win, but this was not an easy match for them. They squandered eight short corners in the first half and, of three in the second period.

only one was converted, Much of the credit for their success must go to Sharpe, the wing forward. He ended England's frustration by scoring early in the second half, and made the third goal, which eventually silenced the resur-

gent Kenyans. Kenya were lucky to be on equal terms by the interval, especially after a barrage of short corners. Sharpe put England shead in the 37th minute. The goal visibly relieved

some of the tension in the England attack and, four minutes later, Woods set up a chance for Pearn, who missed the tar-get Galcia then converted England's ninth short corner in the 50th minute to give his side a 2-0 lead.

Crutchley missed an open goal before Simon Odera reduced the arrears with just seven minutes remaining, when he scored on the rebound from a short corner. Wallis made the match safe for England in the 67th minute. Wales lost 4-0 to New Zea-

land in a pool A match on Saturday. Robinson, the New Zealand centre forward, scored a

Maggie Souyave barely able to conceal her anger yester-Firmly in the driving seat after their splendid I-1 draw with South Africa on Saturday, the English took the field knowing a scoring spree was

necessary if they were to finish top of the group and avoid Australia in the semi-finals. "Some players didn't per form and should know better." said Souyave. "I hope it

won't prove costly. Seizing control against opponents who only practised on concrete, because they don't have an artificial surface. Denise Marston-Smith converted two penalty strokes. before Melanie Clewlow

cracked in a penalty corner. Kirsty Bowden made it 4-0. Souvave said she debated reading the riot act at halftime but thought better of it. Unfortunately, the secondhalf performance was no better, although Jane Sixsmith, Cullen, Clewiow and Jane

Smith added further goals. Not even a magnificent calkeeping display by Michelle Thomas could prevent Wales from losing 5-1 to New Zealand. Rachel O'Bry an, who scored the Welsh goal, was one of three players

sidelined through illness in Saturday's 2-2 draw with Can-Meanwhile, the Scots should have no difficulty in hreezing past Trinidad and Tobago in the other pool today, after a 5-1 victory over Jamaica on Saturday. "We al-

ways believed our tournament would begin with our second match," said Mike Gilbert, the Scotland coach. We always knew we'd lose to Aus-

## Australia avenge earlier reverse

TODAY

swimming: 1.0em; Women's 400m free-style heats, Men's 100m freestyle heats, SWIMMING: 1.0am; Woman's 400m frestyle heats, Men's 100m frestyle heats, Wornen's 100m backstroke heats; Woman's 420m backstroke heats; Woman's 420m freestyle heats 5.0am; Synchronised solo hee routine 10.32 Woman's 400m freestyle final, Men's 100m freestyle final, Woman's 400m freestyle final, Woman's 420m freestyle final, Woman's 100m freestyle final, Woman's 10

CRICKET: 2.0am: Canada v Anligua, Sn Lanka v Zmbabwe, Malaysa v Jamaca.

GYMNASTICS: 7.0mm; Men's individual at round 10.0mm; Women's individual at HOCKEY: Men: 8.05em: Australia v South Ainca, 10.05em: New Zealand v Traidad & Tobago 12.35pm: India Wester, Wester, 8.05em: India v Metaysia, 10.05em; Sco-land v Traidad & Tobago, 12.05: Australia v Januara

LAWN SOWLS: 12.30em, 5.30em and 11.30em; Men's and women's lours, pars

NETBALL: Pool A: 1.0em: Australia v Ma-taysa 4.30em: Jamarda v Canada, 8.0em: England v Barbados. Pool B: 2.45em: South Africa v Sr Lanka, 6.15em: Cook ts-lands v Wales 9.45em: New Zealand v Me-lands v Wales 9.45em: New Zealand v Me-

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BOXING: 6.tem and 10.30sm; Preim-rary bouls, vanous weights. CRICKET: 2.0mm: Australia v India; Paki-stan v New Zealand; South Atrica v Barba-dor; Northern Ireland v Bangladash; Soot-tand v Kenya.

HOCKEY: Men: 10.05em: Malaysia v England, 11.35em: New Zasland v Austra-ic; Kenya v Canada, Women: 8.05em: England v Canada, 10.05em; Wales v St

Lanke. 12.35per: Jemeics v Troided & To-bego. Scotland v Malaysia.

NETBALL: Pool B: 1.0em: Cook Islands v New Zeelend. 4.30em: South Africa v Wales. 8.3em: Melawi v Shi Lanka. Pool A: 2.45em: Jernada v England. 6.15em: Australia tralia v Canada. 8.45em: Berbados v Ma-

pistol, Men's pairs centre fire pistol; Wom-en's pairs smallpore sport rife (firee posi-tions); Men's pairs skeel (100 targets) TENPIN BOWLING: 1.0mm: Women's singles quellying 6.30mm: Mon's singles

All times are GMT



A tearful Murdock is comforted by Popa after a tumble

Murdock is typical of the elfin children whose bodies, held together by flesh-coloured bandages at the joints, go through contortions that adults simply could not perform. Gymnasts no longer affect fixed Holly-wood smiles, but Murdock. from Ulster, went the whole gamut of dramatic emotions.

She was leading the competition when she twice fell off the beam. Bruises we could not see, bin tears, and the comforting and cajoling of Eugevina

Popa, who once was a fine Soviet tumbler and now coaches Northern Ireland's girls. became the focus of what was captivating, yet concerning us. We were watching a child in



the cars whiskers. Sprite



# Redgrave adds to collection

FROM MIKE ROSEWELL ROWING CORRESPONDENT IN COLOGNE

world championships with three gold medalss, a silver and two fourth places from the Il boats that reached finals. placing Britain third of the 52

Things get tougher in the second year of an Olympic cycle and this was realised. and experienced, by the British coxless four, who, in a strong tailwind, were pressurised in turn by Romania to 500 metres, Italy for the middle 1,000 and France, who finished second, after producing a lmin 24sec last 500 to close on the British in spite of Matthew Pinsent, the stroke, rating 44. "We really went for it in the

first half," Pinsent said. "We did not want anyone to get ahead in those conditions. We didn't cap it with a good second half."

Steve Redgrave, for whom the win produced his eighth world gold medal to go with his four Olympic titles, agreed. "I expected to go faster. The way we train, on our day no-one can beat us and, hopefully, when we have an off day, we can still beat them. This was an off day."

Miriam Batten and Gillian Lindsay, in the women's double scull, were well inside world record pace at 1,000 metres, holding a remarkable 14-length lead over Holland. The Dutch then came back, but the British, 1997 silver medal-winners, held on to win by about a third of a length.

Mike Spracklen, their coach, convinced them the night before the race that noone had done more training. in spite of Lindsay's midseason back injury. "This gave us confidence to blast off and hang on," Lindsay said.
"We had a dream start."

Batten said, "and at 500, when we settled, we just went away from the field. It went down-

GREAT Britain ended the hill from the 1,000 and for the last 250 I couldn't see anything. I ran out two strokes before the finish, but that was

> Britain's third gold medal, in the women's lightweight pairs, came after a hazardous buildup. Caroline Hobson and Juliet Machan won the event with some ease at the Lucerne regatta and found themselves with just a final to face in Cologne. However, Hobson's back seized in training last Tuesday, making racing impossible, and the British appealed that Jo Nitsch, a member of the quad scull. should be allowed to substitute. It was agreed and Nitsch, no stranger to rowing after winning world silver medals in a four in 1995 and 1996, more than did her job as substitute stroke, taking the lead from thew United States at 500 metres and moving away.

Britain's gold medal-winners won by going for an early lead. Dot Blackie and Cath Bishop took their silver in the women's pairs more dramatically. Their race plan of "stay in the pack and work in the second half" saw them fourth at 1,000 metres and third at 1,500 before passing the United States for silver behind Canada, the de-

fending champions.

Blackie, in the team since 1992, but known before this year as Mrs Seventh Place. said: "The plan worked, apart from coming second rather than first I enjoyed my first final, I want more."

The fourth places for the men's lightweight eight and four received different reactions. The eight were the favourites before Cologne; the four were rank outsiders. None of Britain's three scullers in finals - Greg Searle. Guin Batten and Peter Haining - relished the rough water and wind, although Batteo overcame her disappointment quickly and swam out to be the first to shake the hand of Miriam, her elder sister, in the boat after her



Page, of RGS High Wycombe, scores his side's opening try in their narrow defeat of St Edward's, Oxford

## St Edward's made to pay penalty

THERE have been some epic rugby matches between St Edward's, Oxford, and RGS High Wycombe over the years and the one played in the sun and squalls of Saturday — which RGS won 22-20 — was no exception.

Last year. St Edward's won 23-22, with their opponents once dropping the ball when they were over the line. Both schools were immensely successful in 1997-98, St Edward's losing only twice and RGS reaching the finals of both the under-15 and under-18 Daily Mail national compeotions, a unique feat.

RGS then toured South Africa in the summer and, in their first match of this term. defeated Hampton 15-13. With a team bristling with players who have represented or been reserved for England agegroup teams, they are set for another momentous season.

The school is steeped in rugby excellence from players such as Ted Woodward, who played on the wing for England in the Fifties, to Nick Beal and Matt Dawson, who toured with the British Isles last year.

Carefully prepared by Colin Tattersall, the first man in the country to coach two different divisions at under-16 level, RGS have 1.400 boys from whom to draw for school teams. The various age groups are coached on different afternoons. All the leading boys have their individual fitness schedules and advice on diet

John Goodbody on a typically close encounter between two sides who

again look set for plenty more

cheer this season

and they have clearly benefitted from the experience in South Africa.

Alex Melrose, the RGS captain, said: They have got it right in South Africa. I doubt whether we will see in this country that sort of passion, particularly off the pitch. Even the mothers know more about rugby than the kids."
St Edward's did not allow

the reputation of RGS to intimidate them. They fielded six boys from the lower sixth. partly because they have fewer than 100 each year from whom to choose. They were inspirationally led by Nick McEwen, a rangy wing forward. During stoppages, he would go round the team demanding of his players indi-vidually: "How much do you want this?"

McEwen said: We have tried to build a real squad spirit practising every day and even having breakfast together so as to build a bond.

This is very important." St Edward's responded to

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# SPORT in schools

McEwen's example. Although they were overwhelmed in the lineouts, they often dominated the scrummages. They covered every attack twice over and lost only because they conceded penalties through high tackling RGS were the bener team, but their performance. Tattersall accepted, was "patchy". St Ed-ward's refused to be beaten and, time and again, came back just when RGS seemed likely to build a commanding lead. Melrose said: "We struggled up front in the scrummage. Our continuity was a bit off and we lacked concen-

tration at times. After James Forrester, the Oxford County player, had kicked St Edward's into a 3-0 lead, RGS besieged their op-ponent's line for 15 minutes, but broke through only once when Adam Page scored.

RGS kept up the pressure, but St Edward's broke clear for Luke Ritchie to touch down and give the home team an 8-5 half-time, advantage. In the second half, St Edward's were penalised after one high tackle and Simon Crompton plunged over with Mathew Honeyben converting. However, Forrester took advantage of RGS's lack of focus to score. Then Honeyben kicked a penalty to restore the RGS lead. With two minutes remain-

ing, they stretched their advantage to 22-13 with a try by Nick Duncombe, which Honeyben converted. How-ever, in the final moments. Jon Goodridge scored a try and Forrester converted to leave the result in the balance until the final whistle.

ST EDWARD'S, OXFORD: J Goodsidge: R Gles, D. Johnstone, C. Erely, I. Ruthe, C. Bases, K. Bingham, G. Rippon, P. Sazinson, O. Striwell, C. Manuell, W. Focie, A. Garrod, N. RGS HIGH WYCCMBE: N. Jones: N. Durcombe, R. Deseing, A. Meirose, A. Page

RUGBY LEAGUE

JJB SUPER LEAGUE: London v S; Helens (7.30), Shefield v Warrington (7.30)

OTHER SPORT

SATURDAY

FOOTBALL

All matches (dck-of: 3.0

BOXING

## Schwer eyes WBC title after easy victory

BY SRIKUMAR SEN BOXING CORRESPONDENT

BILLY SCHWER, the European lightweight champion, can look forward to a challengefor the World Boxing Council (WBC) world championship early next year. Schwer moved up to the No I mandatory challenger's position after defending of his European crown against Manuel Fernandes. of France, at York Hall, Bethnal

Green, on Saturday. Mickey Duff, Schwer's manager, said yesterday that Jose Sulaiman, the WBC president, had told him that the Luton boxer would be given the No I spot if be impressed against the Frenchman — and there can be no doubting that he did, for Fernandes was stopped, for the first time in his career, in the seventh round. It was also significant that Fernandes has beaten Cesar Bazan, the present

WBC champion. Duff said: "I believe Schwer is the best lightweight in the world today and he would knock out the WBC champion." He aims to keep Schwer busy with two contests before a prospective world title bout after what he believes was the best performance of Schwer's career "not so much because of who he beat, as bow he beat him. 1 was surprised how much he had improved since lifting the European title. I was very impressed when I saw him training. He has suddenly found himself."

Fernandes was never in the contest, as Schwer took control from the first bell. The Frenchman complained about a sore right ear in the fifth round and the doctor bad to be called to check if he was able to continue. When the Frenchman dou-

bled up in the seventh round. after two blows to the stomach, the referee quickly stepped in and called a halt to **SPEEDWAY** 

## **Americans** secure future with team win

BY TONY HOARE

GREG HANCOCK and Billy Hamill have been given a welcome boost by their main sponsor after winning the World Team Cup final for the United States. Hancock and Hamill ride under the Team Exide umbrella and Tony Summers, the marketing director of the battery company, has indicated that they will remain in place for 1999.

Summers caused speculation when he made an announcement last month that Hancock's place in the team was in jeopardy, but he has hinted now that an announcement this week will include both riders for next year. "I will be making a statement about the grand prix after Friday night's final round," he said, "but Bill and Greg's World Team Cup win means a third year of success for Team Exide."

Hancock and Hamili fulfilled an ambidon that dated back to their junior racing days when they finished clear of the field in the World Team Cup at Voiens, Denmark. The pair, who both ride for Coventry in the British Elite League, finished clear of Sweden on a rain-soaked track.

We both said before the meeting that this was our last chance of a gold medal this year." Hancock, who is level on points with Hamill going into the final world championship grand prix, said.

was the first time Billy. and I have ridden together as a pair for America and it was one of our childhood dreams come true. This is what we used to think about-when we were kids."

Hancock will be succeeded as the world individual champion on Friday night by either Tony Rickardsson or Jimmy Nilsen. Rickardsson, the Ipswich rider, is 20 points clear of Nilsen, his fellow Swede, and must slip up badly to lose the title he also won in 1994.

## **GUIDE TO THE WEEK AHEAD**

#### CRICKET Britannic Assurance county championship 10 30, first day of four, 96 overs

TRENT BRIDGE: Notinghamshire

FOOTBALL Kick-off 7 30 unless stated Football Conference

Slevenage v Yeovil (7.45) OR MARTENS LEAGUE: Premier division: Wordster Cay v Burton Albaro. Southern division: Chelmsford v Beldock. UNIBONO LEAGUE: Premier division: Emley v Stalybridge: Hyde v Gainsborough. RYMAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Dagerham and fied v Carshaban: Purfleet v St Albars.

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Avon Insurance of Tottenham (3 0); Chelses v Colchester (7 0). Nordhampton v
Cambridge (20:
PONTRY'S LEAGUE: Premier division:
Derby v Sunderland (at The Baseball
Ground 7.0, Stoke v Presson (at Newcaste
Town FC, 7.0) Second division: Newcaste
v Wresham (at Newcaste Rugby Club. 7 0)

OTHER SPORT SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Exetur v Stoke; Glasgow v Fult: Reading v Newport Wayne Gernatt Memorial Individual Chall-enge and Trophy (at Newcastie, 7 30) TENNIS: Samsung Open men's Your-nament (in Bournemouth).

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL Not-off 7 45 unless stated
UBFA CUP: Finst round, first leg: Asten
Vila v Storntopodest (7.45): Bladdoum v
Lyon (60), FC Kosce v Liverpool (7.0);
Visona Grumanes v Catte (8.0); Leeds v
Marismo, Beitar Jerusalem v Rangers (6.0).
WORTH-UNGTON CUP: Second round,
Inst leg: Barnsley v Reading, Bladchpool v
Trammer (7.30), Botten v Hull (8.0),
Bournemouth v Wolverhampton; Brentlood
v Tottenham, Bury v Crystal Palace, Fulham
v Southampton: Haiflax v Bradford,
Huddersfield v Everton, Ipswich v Liton;
Leyton Onent v Nother Forest, Macclesfield
v Birmingham, Northampton v West Ham,
Pontamouth v Windersfer
Footsmouth v Windersfer
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OTHER SPORT SPEEDWAY: Duniep Contenence League: St Austeil v Newport (7.30)

WEDNESDAY FOOTBALL

All matches lock-off 7.45 EUROPEAN CUP: Champions' Laegue: Group O: Man Utd v Barcelona, Group E: Lens v Arsensi Lens v Arsenst WORTHINGTON CUP: Second round, first leg: Broot City v Crewe, Coverity v Southerns: Derby v Man City. Lecester v Chaserfield, Middlesbrough v Wycombe, Norwch v Wigan, CPR v Charition, Shell Wed v Cambridge Utd. FOOTBALL CONFERENCE: Forest Green v Hoyes.

OTHER SPORT SPEEDWAY: Eithe League: Poole v Oxford (7:30) Premier League: Hull v Newcastie (7:30)

THURSDAY CRICKET

BRITANNIC ASSURANCE COUNTY
CHAMPIONSHIP (four days): Derby:
Derbystrate y Microesex. Chemistord: Essex y Northamptonshire. Cardiff: Gamar-parv Scimorese. Od Trafford: Lancashire y Hampshire. Trent Bridge: Notinghamshire y Gloudestershire. The Ovel: Surray y Lencestershire Hower Suscex y Yorishire Edglestor: Warwickshire y Keni. Worcestershire y Durham

CUP WINNERS CUP. First round, first log: Chelses v Helsingborgs (7.45); Hearts v Real Malborca (8.0); Newbessile v Partizon Belgrade (7.45). OTHER SPORT SPEEDWAY: Promier League; Shoffield v Avena Essex (7.45)

FOOTBALL

FRIDAY FOOTBALL NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: Second division: Watest v Notes County (7 45)

MOTORCYCLING: Brosh Superbise championship is: Brands Hatch).

SPEEDWAY: Premier League Knock-out Cup: Final, first leg: Perentorough V RUGBY UNION Esset v Sheffed (80) Editburgh v Gragow (730) Isla-of-Wight v Emiler (7.30) Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

FOOTBALL

All matches fack-off 3.0

FA CARLING PREMIERSHEP: Coventry v
Newcastle. Derby v Lecester. Leeds v
Aston Villa, Liverpool v Charlton, McClesbrough v Evenon. Notim Forest v West
Ham: Southerngton v Tottenham. Winteledon v Sheff Vied
NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First division:
Bansley v Crystal Palace; Birmsnipham v
Grimsby; Bury v Trainment, Crew v Bolton,
Huddersteid v Wolverhampton; Ipswind v
Bristel City, Port Vale v Porismout; OPR v
Stockport: Sheff Und v Norwich Sunderland
v Oxford But; Swindon v Warfard Second
division: Blackpool v Luton, Bristol Rovers v
Lincoln City, Futham v York: Gittingham v
Bornlay, Man City v Chesterfield, Millwall v
Northampton; Oxham v Priston, Reading v
Coknesser; Wigan v Maccleshedt, Writzham v Stoke, Wycombe v Bournermouth.
Third division: Cardill v Rochdale. Carlisle
v Chesser; Darlington v Shrevistony, Exeter
v Bernet, Hull v Harifax, Leyton Oherit v
Brighton, Peterborough v Pymouth, Rotherham v Harifepool, Scarborough v Bernilord, Southorpe v Marsfield, Southend v
Southport, Doncaster v Ruehden &
D'monds: Dover v Bariow; Hayes v
Kiddemirsher, Heretond v Moncambe,
Ketaring v Kingstonkin; Nordinich v
Fornet Green, Weting v Leek
Town, Woking v Yeovil.
Scort Tiskt PREMIERS LEAGUE: Oundee v Town, Woking v Yeovil.
SCOTTISH PREMER LEAGUE: Oundee v
Dundse U.d. Duntermine v Hearts; Mother-well v / Olmamooh: St Johnstone v Aberdeen, SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First division: Ayr v Stramaer, Fahirk v Andre, Greenock Monton v St Mirren, Hamilton v Ctydebank,

Fig. off 3.0 unless stated EUROPEAN CUP: Pool A: Begles v Stade Francas: Lienell v Lenster. Peol B: Munster v Padeva; Neath v Perpagnan Pool C: Toutouse v Eubw Vale: Ulster v Scinburgh Revers Pool D: Glasgow Caledonians v Pontypridd: Treviso v Cotomiers.

Schnburgh Rewers Pool D: Glassow Calestorians v Pornsymid: Treviso v Cotomiers

EUROPEAN SHIELD: Pool A: Caerphilly v Perigueus, Narbonne v Rovigo, Racarg CF v Mwyport Pool B: Boungoin v Span, Castres v Aberavon, Roma v Dax, Pool C: Bridgend v Agers: British Roving Shield Research of Shield Research Revision Control of Shield Research V Research V Research v Bedford Adhetic, Banbury v Scunthope: Barless Eulits v Macclasfield: Bromsgrove v Sedgloy Park; Chesturit v Morpetif; Clevedorn v Barlang; Caltion v Esher; Doncaster v Walsalt; Guildford & Godalmen v Bridgweiter; Hinddey v Nurieation, Hull Ionans v Egemont. Kendal v Broadstreet; Launceston v North Walsham, Malvern v Sandal, Mat Police v Chestenham; New Brighton v Lichfield: Norwich v Winchesser: Percance and Newlyn v Cambridge, Plymouth v Reduhl, Preston Grasshoppers v Kenilworth, Ruislip v Old Colleans; Spanlars v Hawist; Stoutbridge v Sheffield: Swanege & Wareham v Abbery, Tabard v Wimbledon, Torquay Athelic v Maderinhead, Tynedale v Winnergton Park, V Brachnel, Wessonshe Park, V Brachnel, Wesson-Share v Ipswich, Whitchurch v Apuli.

ALLIED DUNBAR PREMICHSNIP: First division: Camberley v Nothingham; Hesliey v London Scottish, Gloucester v Mossfey, JEWSON NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Camberley v Nothingham; Hesliey v Manchester; Lydney v Harnogate; Morley v Winsfredale; Newborn v Resealing v Berningham/Solthull WELSH NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Bonymeen v Dunvari (2 30), Cross

TENNENT'S VELVET PREMIERSHIP. First division: Currie v Strang County, Glasgow Hawks v Boroughmur, Jed-Forest v Hawckt, Mehoea v, West of Scotland, Watsonens v Heriots FP, Second division: Dundes HSFP v Biggar, Edinburgh Acads v Abendeen GSFP, Kimemook v Ketso, Krikcaddy GSFP, Kimemook v Ketso, Krikcaddy GSFP, Kimemook v Ketso, Third division: Berwick v Stewarts Mel FP, Glasgow Southern v Grangemouth; Gordonans v Glamothes; Peobles v East Kilbride; Preston Lodge v Ayr.

MOTORCYCLING: British Superblike championship (at Brands Hetich) MOTOR RACING: British Touring Car championship (at Silverstone) SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Beovick v Hull (7 0): Sloke v Glasgow (7 30).

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP. Arsenal v Man Utd (4 0). NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First division: West Brom v Bradford (1.0). SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE: Rangers v Cetic (5.05).

JJB SUPER LEAGUE: Huddersfield v Castleford (3.30), Leads v Hulf (3.0); Saiford v Halifax (3.0), Wigen v Bradford (6.35) **RUGBY UNION** 

OTHER SPORT

MOTOR RACING: British Touring Car championship (at Silverstona) SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Glasgow v Edinburgh (6 30): Newport v Sooke (2 30). Durliop Conference League: Buston v Midenhali (3.0).

#### PLUMPTON THUNDERER

2.20 Laguna Bay. 2.50 Run For Cover. 3.20 Kazawari. 3.50 Super Rapier. 4.20 Miss Orphan. 4.50 Pealings.

2.20 FRICAY AD NOVICES HURDLE (£2,338: 2m 4f) (11 runners)

5-2 Waterton, 4-1 Statustarid, 5-1 Lagues Bay, 6-1 Gilde Path, 7-1 Soverage, 10-1 Evernedd, Flora Drasmbird, 12-1 others.

2.50 ROBIN LLOYD ASSOCIATES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,803: 2m) (8)

1 2133 CASPIAN BELUGA 9 (D.F.S) S Knight 10-12-0

2-1 Run Fer Cover, 4-1 Turki Fes, 9-2 Catalan Buluga, 6-1 Insh Dominion, 8-1 Sefery, 12-1 Sattery Fred, Run's Boy, 16-1 Yaskum.

3.20 TALISMAN CLAIMING HURDLE

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4-5 Kazawan, 7-2 Promigiter, 5-1 Internous, 12-1 Musti Franchica, 14-1 Hollway Star, 20-1 Character Lady 3.50 SOUTHERN FM NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£3.485: 2m 5f) (10)

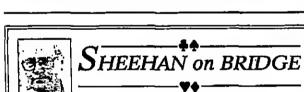
1 511- SUPER RAPER 109 (D.F.G) G Hubbard 6-12-0 . C Honour (7) 2 -431 VERDE LUNA 14 (B.F.G) R Smith 6-11-1 ... Mr. R Fernistal (7) 3 -435 PRIDE DF KASHANET 14 (B.F.G) P Hobbs 5-10-9 ... G Tormov 4 040- MARBLE CITY 144 M Primar 5-10-8 ... R Fernistal 5 2P4- GOLDEN SAVANIMAN 124P (G.S) N MINCHEL 0-10-0 ... Sonite Minchell 6 35P- RADICAL REFORM 270 N Macon 0-10-0 Sopies
7 3312 DORMSTON BOYO 4 (V.F) T Was 8-10-0 0.F
8 /NPU LORD LOFTY 11 J R Best 0-10-0 0.F
9 SPO- MISTER CHEP 107 J Mag 7-10-0 T J
10 0P20 HEMERO 12 R Buckler 0-10-0 D 078-0 3-4 Super Raper, 4-1 Verde Luna, Dormeton Boyo, 6-7 Pride Of Kashmir, 8-1 Marble City, 12-1 Radical Reform, 14-1 Golden Savarnath, 20-1 others.

4.20 NORTHWEST AIRLINES USA JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-0: £2,478: 2m 1f) (12)

NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-0: £2,478: 2m 1f) (12)

BAYYADI 29F D Garcacila 10-10 S Wyrna
C CHINITO 12 P Hobis 10-10 B Powell
DOCKLAND EXCEUTIVE 61F B McMatch 10-70 W Mensione
FALKENBERG 19F B Peaces 10-10 D.Creach 71
GREEN LACKET 51F N O'Sulfivan 10-10 C Sameling
C DLINERYS LAD B B Linuxlyn 10-10 S Kolly (5)
SARATOGA SAGA 535 P S McEases 10-10 O Gallegher
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10 3 ZURYAF 14 (8) S Don 10-10 A Magnifus
ATTER DAWN 27F May P Duffield 10-5 P Holley
2 ARSS CREPHAN 19 M Pipe 10-5 A Magnifus
ATTER DAWN 27F May 10-10 A MAGNIFUS
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4.50 SOUTHERN FM LISTENERS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,803: 2m 4f) (7)



### By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

This week I will be discussing slam bidding techniques. The first specialised bid I want to describe is the 'advance cue bid'. These bids occur in sequences in which it is nonsensical to make the bid in a natural sense. An example:

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What does Four Clubs mean? When East bids Three Spades, in the first instance he is asking the One No-Trump opener to decide between Three No-Trumps and Four Spades. So what is West doing bidding Four Clubs? It cannot be that he wants to west doing bloding Four Citos? It cannot be that he wants to play in clubs — he was asked to choose between spades and notrumps. So the only logical explanation is that he does indeed want to play in spades, but is showing some feature on the way. The normal understanding is that Four Clubs is a cue-bid, showing first- or second-round control in clubs and a hand suitable for play in spades. It is called an advance cue-bid because it is made in advance of having agreed spades explicitly. Here is an illustration.

> VAQ4 **+52 ♣**A532

**♦**KJ43

(1) 12-14 points (2) Unassuming cue-bid

(4) East certainly isn't worth another slam try (5) However West is — once his partner bid Four Diamonds over Four Clubs. West knows that East has at any rate slight slam interest. As West's hand is highly suitable within the limits of having opened a 12-14 lNT, he can afford to go all the way. Make West's hand:

**4QJ3**♥Q104+QJ5**+**A1076 and he should just bid Four Spades over Three Spades - that is,

he admits to having three-card spade support but warns East that his hand is otherwise unsuitable for slam purposes.

□ Alan Mould's book Step by Step Slam Bidding (B. T. Batsford, £8.99) is good on this topic. It is available from the publisher on 01376 321276 or from Chess & Bridge on 0171 388

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard ZUGUNRUHE a. A waterfall in spate b. A cream puff c. The itch to travel

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b. A wheelchair

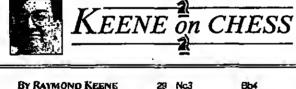
c. A tribal council

a. Alms

**TANGELO** a. A thick orange

b. A dance partner c. A primitive guitar SOWLTH a. A spectre b. Richness of the soil

c. Sulkiness



CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Warm on In preparation for his match against Alexei Shirov for his world title. Garry Kasparov contested a six game match

Jan Timman in Prague. Ironically, as previously reported in this column, it now appears that the Kasparov v Shirov challenge may not in fact take place, due to organisational difficulties. Nevertheless. Kasparov did not allow himself to be distracted from the task in hand and inflicted some harsh defeats on his Dutch rival.

White: Jan Timman

Slav Defence 3 NI3 4 Nc3 7 Nb1 **Ba6** 63 Rc8 13 Na3 CXC4 Qd5 20 Bd2 21 Bxe4 25 Bxb2 26 Ne2 Bc4 Bb3

27 Nc3

28 Nxd5

BY RAYMOND KEENE 29 Nc3 30 Nd1 White resigns White: Garry Kasparov Black: Jan Timman EuroTel, Prague 1998

with the Dutch grandmaster

Black: Garry Kasparov

EuroTel, Prague 1998

5 a3 6 Oxc3 7 Bg5 8 e3 9 Bd3

10 exd4 gxf6 Rd8 14 Ng3 16 bxc3 Rd5 17 Rd1 18 Bxd5 Bxd5 19 Nh5 Nd7 20 c4 Bc5 21 Pxd7 Bxd7 22 Nd6+ Kq7 23 Nxd7 25 Rc1

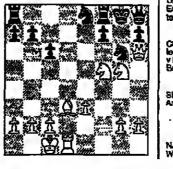
26 Nb8 Black resigns Diagram of final positioo

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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene White to play. This position is from the game Spielmann — Tartakower, Munich 1909. The white pieces are dangerously close to the weak squares in the black kingside. How did White now conclude with some brisk tactics?

Solution on page 50



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1 0124 LASUNA BAY 14 (BF.F) 6 McCourt 4-11-3 ... R Hobson (7)
2 0231 WATERLAW 30 (0.F.6) F Bowen 4-11-1 ... W Marston
3 PSP- FRANT LAKES 133P Mars 8 Warr 7-10-10 ... A Scholes (7)
4 05- 6 Liber PART 737 J Janks 9-10-10 ... B Fortion
5 25P- MCSES MAN 113P J Fitch-Hayes 7-10-10 ... J R Koveragh
6 2- ONEWHALD 177P D Envision 5-10-10 ... S Wyrms
7 POF- SMART GLY 178 Mrs. L. Jesel 6-10-10 ... T Propoles (7)
8 3P- SHARRADARID 120F S Dow 4-10-8 ... R Durwoody
9 5-26 FLORA DREAMBRD 13 P Net 4-10-3 ... B Husband
10 MADANE CHRISTIN 5-1 January 1-10-3 ... G Salagher
11 -220 SCHERBERN 30 J Payret 4-10-3 ... G Salagher
12 -Waterbay 4-1 Sharbashd 3-1 January 18-6 - [ Bidd Path 7-1 Sanagary
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1 2133 CASPAN SELUSA 9 (D.F.S) S Knesh 10-12-0 Mr R Fornistal (7)
2 301- TISHT RST 108 (D.F.S) Mixs H Knight 8-11-2 R Farrant
3 F2-5 BATTERY PRED 9 (6) N Mason 9-11-1 D Gallagher
4 F1-6 SAFETY 72 (B.CO.F.) J Calibran 11-10-4 Mr J Growley (7)
5 4074 YAANGM 14 (B.P.) B Lowerbox 9-10-3 S Kerly (5)
6 SST1 RM FCR COVER 12 (D.P.) Mr 9 P District 6-10-1 P Holley
7 4095 RUTHYS 807 20 (C.F.S) Mrs A E Johnson 9-10-1 R Johnson
8 -012 IRSH DOMERION 42 (B.O.F.) V Dartell 8-10-9 J Calibry

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SUNDAY

FOOTBALL.

RUGBY LEAGUE

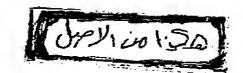
ALLIED DUNBAR PREMIERSHIP: First division: Saracans v Sale (3 0) Second division: Leeds v Blackheath (2.90)

MOTORCYCLING: British Superbika championship (at Brands Hatch).

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS: M Pipe. 28 winners from 60 numers. 46 7%. Mass H. Knight. 10 from 23, 43 5%. M Maggardga. S from 18, 27.5%. R Bucker, 6 from 28, 21.4%. W 6 M Turner, 7 from 41, 17.1%. OCKEYS: A P McCoy, 34 winners from 96 iddes, 35,6% M; A: Fitgerado, 16 from 72, 22.2%; R Johnson, 5 from 25, 20.0%; J.R. Kavaragh, 13 from 66, 19.7%; D O'Suñivan, 16 from 85, 18.8%. CONTRACTOR OF STREET

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## Godolphin operation experiences highs and lows in campaign spanning four countries



## Sea Wave marooned in Arc test

FROM ORIS MCGRATH AT LONGCHAMP

THE of trouble with bestriding the racing wild like a colossus is inadvertently the splits. After its stunning irrnational achievements the previouday. Godolphin yesterday discover that it is a long way to fall with Fakie Dettori coming back down tourth with a literal bump.

In the me silks as when steering the brillit Swain in Dublin 24 hours earlier. Ittori was unseated when Sea Wave sweed leaving the stalls in the Prix Nielven Godolphin, then, is not immune the chance and mischance that prerves the sport. After all, apparent vincibility the previous day had so nrly been confounded when Nedawi uddenly hung across the track in the St Leger. This time, however similarly inexperienced colt was unal to redeem his gaffe.

"He hat an ounce of badness in him." Dori said. "The start is by the junction ith the main track, and I guess heav the gap and dived. He took me surprise, but I'm okay. He

DETAILS

Going: soft 2.05 PRD: VERMEILLE 1Group 1:3-Y-O lifes 050,808, 1m 4]

1. LEGGERA IT Dunny, 2. Cloud Castle (J. Reid); 3. Zeinta (G. Mossey ALSO RAN Malmu, Lutuce (eth), Barlu 15th). Baycanda (6th), Bardonocchle, Conflictive, Windha, Male De France, Mannsara 11 ran kil, hd, 2l. 194, sh nk. J. Dunlop (GBI) Pan-muluel finc 1ir steko) 11 00; 2 40, 4 30, 1.20 DF, 84 40

3.40 PRIX NIEL (Group II 3-Y-O: 540,404, Irm 4f)
1. SAGAMIX (O Pester): 2. Croco Rouge (S Guñol); 3. Dream Well (C Asmussen); ALSO RAN Epistolaire (4ff); Central Park (50f); See Whole (Lift Grant 1-V4, 10), Isl., AL Fabre Pan-mullist; 6 70, 320, 280, SF 41 70

4.18 PRIX POY |Group ||- £40,404\* 1m 4f) LiMMOS (C Asmussen): 2. Fragrant Mor (O Peater)
 Oa Balcine (S Guiltot): ALSO RAN. Kashwan (4th), Majoven (5th), Predappio (6th), 6 ran 24.1, 5h hd. 24.1
 V.I. 81: O Sepulchre Parr-muluel, 6.20, 1.70, 1.30 SF 18.30

has only dented my pride, and got me some abuse from the punters." It is just as well that Nedawi had accurately. Simon Crisford, Godolphin's racing manager, conceded that Sea Wave must return on October 4 very much as the dark horse.

"At least we know he'll be fresh for the Arc," he said with a smile. "He has never given any indication that he's capable of doing something like that before. Daylami is also a possible for the Arc, but Swain is being trained for the Breeders' Cup Turf."

At the business end of the race, rather more constructive evidence was assembled by the local three-year-olds. despite offering as many questions as answers. It was Sagamix who won Arc favouritism at 4-1 from Coral, making it three out of three at the expense of

Croco Rouge. The grey, trained by André Fabre, responded to a positive ride from Olivier Peslier to prevail by a length and a half, though Pascal Bary expects Croco Rouge to improve for the run. He is 5-1 with Coral (William Hill offers 7-1). Dream Well, his stablemate, offered less obvious encouragement, another ten lengths away, but Cash Asmussen refused to be downhearted about the Irish Derby winner.

"He needed the run badly and blew hard afterwards." the jockey said, "Nobody could guess he would win the races he did after watching him in the spring, and I haven't lost my confidence in him. I wouldn't trade places with anybody. Ladbrokes shared that faith, keeping Dream Well with Sagamix at 5-1, behind its new 9-2 favourite. High-Rise: William Hill, by contrast, quotes Dream Well at 10-1. Sea Wave out to the same price with Coral, is 6-1 with the Tote.

Asmussen had to wait but half an hour, however, before reflecting that he might yet trade places with himself. For he will have to surrender the ride on either Dream Well or Limnos, who won the Prix Foy — and a 12-1 quote from Coral (Hills 20-1) — with ease.

The Prix Vermeille saw Leggera end Zainta's unbeaten record with a brave rally for Richard Quinn. "She loves this ground," John Dunlop, her trainer, said. "But she's not in the Arc and it is expensive to supplement her."

## Backers reap rewards of following winning team

BY RICHARD EVANS RACING CORRESPONDENT

CRY of despair, all too familiar to any betting shop punter, went up as the royal blue silks flashed past the post ahead of the chasing pack. Only this was despair with a difference. "We do not like that." the grim-faced bookmaker's representative

said. "We do not like it at all." Barely 15 minutes earlier.
Nedawi, also owned by Godolphin, had produced a late surge to justify favouritism in the Pertemps St Leger at Doncaster. Now, Swain and Frankie Dettori had followed up in another group one race, the Irish Champion Stakes at Leopardstown. A few hours later. Daylami would complete a remarkable day for the Sheikh Mohammed-inspired operation by landing yet another championship event, the Man o War Stakes, at

Belmont Park, New York The Godolphin treble confirmed the growing faith of betting shop habituees in the never-ending battle with

the "old enemy". Rob Hartnett, the Tote's PR director, said: "There have been thoughts for a while that Godolphin have this game sewn up. They have the best horses and the best jockeys riding for them. They have power, money and travel across the globe entering big races - and punters take note. You would not bet against Manchester United. whatever tournament they play in - Godolphin have reached that stage in racing."

An experiment which began in 1992 bas developed into the most potent force io world racing today. "That was our eighth group one success this year, our tenth European. classic winner since we

GODOLPHIN'S WEEKEND Leopardstown

Doncaster

Going: good (good to limn in places) 3.40 PERTEMPS ST LEGER STAKES (Group I. 3-Y-O 5200,800, 1m 6i 132yd) NEDAWI ch c Rambow Quest - Ward (Godolphin) 9-0 J Reid (5-2 lav) 1. High And Low b ! Rambow Quest -Crusing Height IK Abdulla) 8-11 J Fortuno (11-2) 2.

2. Sunshine Street bic Sunshine Forever-Meadow Spirit (P Carveyi 3-0 J Murtagh (13-2) ALSO RAN 4 Sadian (4th), The Glow-Worm, 7 Ta-Lim (8th), 12 Dark Moondancer (6th), 33 Eco Friendy, 150 Ardleigh Charmer 9 ran 15, 251, 11, 11, 115 S bin Suroor at Newmarker Tore. 23 60, 01.50, 01.60 OF 011.10, C3F, 016 16 Aug. (m. 2h 1, SWAIN I), Detton, 6-4 lavi; 2 Alborarta (G Duffeid, 7-11, 3, Xaar 10 Peo-ler, 4-11, 4, One So Wonderni, Per Eddery, 11-2; ALSO RAN 10 Shahhuush; 70 Tan-scon (5th), Happy Valentine, 25 Maleo No Metale (6th) 8 han 11, 4,1 n. 81, 101 S bin Surgor Tote: 62 30, 51 30, 51 70, 51 80 DF 55 70 CSF, 510,34

Belmont Park

Gong: Irm
10.12 (1m 2) 1. DAYLAMI (J Bailey). 2. Buck's Boy (E Fires). 3. Indy Vidual Myglorey. ALSO RAN Lazy Lode. Hortor Glido. Pariama City, Unite': Big Red Accelerator (pu), Celevano (I) 9 an 1-4, 2-4, hd S bin Surcor Parimitud (no. S2 stake): 450 place (1-2) 3 10, 4-20, show (1-2-3) 2 80, 3 30, 5 90. SF 16 40

started and our first home-bred one." Simon Crisford. the Godolphin racing manager. said after Nedawi had produced a telling burst to deny High And Low.

As High And Low set out to make all, John Reid made sure he always had the stami-na-endowed Nedawi in her slipstream while Sunshine Street, the form choice on his fourth in the Derby, was a close third - and they filled

the first three places. One of the charms of the St Leger is the opportunity it offers to three-year-olds bred to stay. Having only the fourth race of his career. Nedawi was blocked in on the rails longer than Reid woold have wished, and then showed his inexperience before seeing out the St Leger trip better than his rivals.

Reid said: "He is still green and looked left when I came

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: FLORAL RAJ

(2.30 Nottingham)

Next best: Wiogs Awarded (5.00 Nottingham)

to challenge, I switched my stick to my left hand to straighten him out, but he saw it and ducked the other way. When I got him straight he quickened well. I am certain he will be back for the big

ones next year." Reid's first St Leger success was achieved at the expense of the jockey who is set lo replace him as Robert Sangster's retained rider at Manton, Jimmy Fortune did nothing wrong on High And Low but endured a miserable time at Doncaster. Having received a four-day ban after his first ride for Sangster in the Champagne Stakes carlier in the week, he was given a further five-day suspension for irresponsible riding on Muhtafel in the Ladbroke

Handicap on Saturday. Whatever the future holds for both jockeys, the suprema-cy of Godolphin seems assured. Racing at the highest level is now akin to grand prix motor-racing, with four or five big teams competing against each other. Godolphin enjoys pole position - and the bookmakers' moans should

continue for a while,

## NOTTINGHAM ...

3.30 SALLY GREEN (nap) 4.00 Lady Beware 4.30 Little Brave

5.00 Wings Awarded

2.00 Rheas 3.00 BirdEmpire

Timekeer's top rating: 5.00 SHAFFISHAVES. Our Neverket Correspondent: 2.00 Rhagaas. 2.30 FLCAL RAJ (nap). 3.00 Mizhar.

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2.00 ENT MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O; £3,901: 1m 54yd) (13 runners)

1997; ASAKOR 9-0 1. Delbart (4-1) S birn Scroot 17 Rag.

Adinaan 3'41 3rd of 5 to Fartastic Light in states at Sandown (1m 14yd, pood to firm). Ethizayd 21 4th of 8 to Putau Tioman in realder at Muttingfam III 75 4yd, good to firm). Fairtoto 111 7th of 8 ts Moutate in maiden at Muttingfam II 7th 5's Magic 12'5 fin of 9 to Colonel Mustard in maiden at Lield (71 140yd, 8rm). Rhapaas Sadler's Wells coil out of Caran, Shamel 44 2nd of 9 to Shoogle latider states at Salisbury (61 21'yd, firm). Stanley Wigffield Woodman colt, first toil of 1,000 Glad winner Las Mennas. Tanling 5 5th of 12 to Guidage in meiden at Nowmacket (71, good to firm). IDNAAN will provide a good test for some well-bred newcomers

2.30 F DEVON MAIDEN STAKES (Div 1: 2-Y-0: £3,337: 61) (12 runners) APAMDALE (Mrs. J Dunloy) E Dunloy 9-0 S Weithworth

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Floral Raj 4% 1 9th to Forest Shadow in maiden at Newbury (7), good to firm). Kuran 6% 1 6th to Vision Of Night in maiden at Ribor (6), good to firm). Ruminate 1 21 9th to Catelonian Colours in maiden at dock (7), good). Grammys Reluctance 9% 1 6th to Franca Mins at maiden at Salfstury (5), firm; at 8 Royale 9% 1 5th to Amazing Dream in maiden at Windson (5), good). FLORAL RAJ can confirm the promise of his Hembury debut

# 3.00 ENF DEVON MAIDEN STAKES (DIV II: 2-Y-O: \$3,307: 6f) (11 runners) 6F DEVON MARIEN STARKS (UIV II: 2-7-UX X.S.SUT: DT) [ FT TUTURESS) OD AFRICAN VISION 17 (AI Payno) Mr. 2 Remoter 9-0 Mr. Roberts 35 AGRITAGE (X Abdust) II Ceel 9-0 Kr. Frison D HEMPRELDER 10 (Mrs A Spayer) J. S Moore 9-0 P P Marphy (3) 34 OF MIZHAR 17 (F) al-Marisouri E Daving 9-0 R Helia STARMS (Lutziyen Star) 0 Lotter 9-0 L Datter! SR MACK (Lutziyen Star) 0 Lotter 9-0 L Datter! WATERFURD SPRET (F Savin) T Barren 9-0 L Charrieck MODOCUT 64 (Verteils Reinig Club Devise Strap 1990) F Feligin 9-0 6 Partan BRITS BIMPRE (Mrs H Fode) J Dastery 8-9 T Datter CHEST-RES CAT (C Whigh 8 Helia 8-9 Mrs Marison 10 B G STEINS (3) S SERRET TREASURE 28 A Doors & Partners) H Carry 8-9 C Rober 32 patience, 9-4 Sr Jack, 7-2 Michay, 8-1 Creatins Cat. 10-1 Bart's Engare, 33-4 others.

1997: NO COPRESPONDING DIVISION African Vision 111 10th of 15 to Timelee in 2yo maiden stakes at Thirsk (6), good to firm). Agiotage Zaloric out of Raidi, auction stakes at Lingited (71 1494, firm). Material 241 first 10 to Canadian Approved in 2yo maiden stakes at Lingited (71, good to firm). Siz Joek Distart Relative colt out of Française. Woodcut 441 lest of 18 to Ereal in 2yo maiden stakes at Haydock (6), good). Bird's Empire Doyoun Rify out of Brid's Wing. Chesthrie Can Ezzoud Rify out of Byde. Secret Treasure 111 10th of 18 to Haddeigh in 2yo maiden auction stakes at Kernpton (6), good to firm).

3.30 BRANSTON ABBY FILLIES HANDICAP (E3,522: 61) (20 numbers) 

CHINAIDER returned to form when second at Newcastle and can go one better BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Musselburgh: 3.10 Harr Trigger. 4.10 Kickonsun. 5.10 Above Board. Nottingham: 2.30 King's Chambers. 3.30 Summer Queen. 4.00 Compton Akka. Plumpton: 4.20 Zuryaf

### GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

Researd number, Draw in backets, Su-figure form (F — led), P — puried up, U — instanted rates, B — brought down, S — Sipped up, R — refuzed, D — manusation), Hyrics name Oxygicinos lost during J II jumps, F II flat, (B — binters, V — visox, H — book, E — Eyesheld, C — course reinner, D — distance whom, CD —

course and distance wants. BF - beaten course and assistance weekers. By the electric betweeker in latest page 1, Goog on which hoose her won (F — first, good to first, hand, G — good 5 — soit, good to seit, heavy). Owner in brackets. Transer Age and weight, Hitler plus any allowance. Tambleopher's Speed rating.

4.00 EREWASH FILLIES NURSERY HANDICAP

| (2-) | /-O: f | :3,548: | 61 15yd) (20 runners)                                                  |     |
|------|--------|---------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| 1    | (11)   | 483     | LACY LAZARUS 10 (P Doberty) M Blansterd 9-7                            |     |
| 2    | (2)    | 535     | SEREN TEG 18 (Mrs & Profitos) 9 Pating 8-5                             |     |
| 3    | (5)    | 023100  | CALL ME LUCKY 20 (D.F) (Hortegale Brosse) M Britain 9-5 0 Marriagh (5) | 4   |
| 4    | (19)   | 61540   | BOLDEN CHARM 20 (CD,6) (Musel Racing) J Banks 9-3 G Facilities (3)     | 5   |
| 5    | (1)    | 135     | TRAFLE RAISE 14 U Smith) R Harrow 9-3 Dane 0 Net                       | 3   |
| 8    | (18)   | 045053  | LADY BEWARE 7 (BF) (W Porsorby) M Clurron 9-2                          | - 8 |
| 7    | (8)    | 563     | PCRESS FILLY 14 (Mrs. J Einstade) J Einstade 9-2                       | 3   |
| 5    | (44    | 35243   | SOLLM ROSERTA 23 (Lady Westwood) 7 Sesterby 9-1 L Chemock              |     |
| 0    | 1100   | 060011  | 50 JUNP 14 (D.G.5) (M Doos) M Dods 9-0 A Clark                         |     |
| 18   | 10     | 824644  | ZULA POWER 7 (MEZ N Benjamen) G L Mouve 8-12 S Winkworth               | 4   |
| 11   | nn     | 404     | GILOU 72 (Richmond & Paston) C Fantural 8-12 Dean Mickepson            | 4   |
| 12   | (12)   | 100041  | DIVINE LADY 12 (D.F.S.) (C Shesking) A Jews 8-11 A McGlone             | - 6 |
| 13   | (3)    |         | KLBOWE HOLD (D.F) (C Bloky Partnership Ltd) D McCain 8-10 W J O'Commit | 5   |
| 14   | [14]   | 004731  | TRINK'S PET 67 (Acc of Cognition-Everyt) J Haldling 8-9 J Edmunds      |     |
| 15   | (13)   | 002     | CONFTON ARKA 17 (B.BF) (E Person) G A Butlet 8-7 J Reid                | -3  |
| 16   | (5)    | 023303  | BELLE OF HEARTS 8 (Mrs V Depri) M PelA 6-7 D Union                     | 4   |
| 37   | (15)   | 2532    | NICHOLAS MISTRESS 12 LI Abbey) P Erins 8-6 0 Silvenity                 | 5   |
| 15   | (151   | 01      | CLUME 18 (D.P.) (THIS schools) W Harries 8-5                           | 5   |
| 18   | (20)   | 62050   | RISSIMBLE BAY 26 (Speedich Group) N Tinder 8-5                         | 4   |
| 30   |        |         | OBAN BALL SO GLICY Howers de Hauten A Harron 8-5                       | - 4 |

BETTING: 7-1 Lady Lazarus, 8-1 SM Jerro, Compton Alica, 10-1 Triple Reice, Nictiolas Mistress, Clunie, 12-1 Lady Bewins, Bollifn Roberts, Zida Pover, Kilbowie HJT, 14-1 others.

Lady Lazarus 73 3rd pl 9 to Lots of Magic in 2yo matries auction stakes at Epson (77, good). Seren Teg. 21 5th of 20 to Central Comm) with Belle Of Hourts (120 hotter of) 15f 16th. Golden Chern 54f 7th of 20 to Central to Comm) with Belle Of Hourts (120 hotter of) 15f 16th. Golden Chern 54f 7th of 16 to Cashiki in 2yo handicap at Porntetras (61, good to firm) with Coll Me Lucky (evets) 16f 14th Triple Raises 94d 6th of 7 to Testites in 2yo maiden stakes at Bason (67, firm). Lady Beware 21 3rd of 4 to Recition Saga is maiden filles auction stakes at Bason (67, firm). Lady Beware 21 3rd of 4 to Recition Saga is maiden filles auction stakes at Bason (67, firm). Lady Beware 21 3rd of 4 to Recition Saga is maiden filles auction stakes at Bason (67, firm). Set Jump 16th poor (67, good) to firm). Lady Lady 16th poor (67, good) to firm). Lady

COURSE SPECIALISTS

## 4.30 SOAR HANDICAP (£3,057: 2m 9yd) (18 nunners)

BETTME: 5-1 Old Red. 5-1 Photospine: 7-1 Drift. 8-1 Cabiba. 10-1 Calibrar's Cholor. 12-1 Irrad. Lattle Brave. Outbary. 14-1 others. 1897: STONED BAACULAYE 3-9-3 x Fallon (5-4 lav) F Membry 17 ran

Drift FALL 4th of 15 in Field: Ol Omagh in maiden handicap at Bath (1m 5L good to firm), previously neck 2nd of 9 to Miss Pin Up in handicap at Mothinghem (1m 5L good to firm), previously neck 2nd of 9 to Miss Pin Up in handicap at Mothinghem (1m 5L good to firm), previously neck 2nd of 9 to Miss Pin Up in handicap at Montileap at Manuella (1m 8L firm). Monalight invades 444 4th of 5 to lothog bawn in maiden handicap at Mothertempton (2m 45yd, AW). Absentier 12 7th of 12 to Stiestly in handicap at Missestimph (1m 6L good). Philosophic beat Shefered Cove 144 (in handicap at Interface) at Lingting (2m, AW). Golden Hadder 111 3nd of 5 to Charity Crusater in handicap at Mutsestburgh (2m, good). Diamond Crown 2741 3nd of 18 to Genestimation in setting handicap at Mutsestburgh (2m, good). Diamond 2nd 16 th of 16 to Charity Crusater in handicap at Mutsestburgh (2m, good). Short Romance in handicap at Folkestone (1m 4L firm) Bryinks 6741 5th of 8 to Paradice Nevy in handicap at Mothingham (2m, good to firm)) with Arriange (10th better off) 361 7th.

LITTLE BRAVE can reverse course form with Drift over this longer trip

# 5.00 DOVER BECK CLASSIFIED STAKES (£2,952: 1m 2i) (16 runners) | 12 | 630012 BLRHUNG 12 (D.F. (1 Peters) In Litmorten 6-9-6 | 16 MicLaughlin 79 | 16 MicCaughlin 79 | 17 MicCaughlin 79 | 18 MicCaughlin 79 | 18

BETTING: 9-2 Shallishayer, 6-1 Classic Find, 7-1 Olon d'Oles, 6-1 Princess Danielle, Amorazo, 10-1 Burning 17-1 Deser Power, Wings Awarded, Abu Camp, 14-1 others 1997: ILE DISTINICY 3-8-13 & Outlield (10-11 Mrs A Swerbank 18 ran

Burning 3H1 2nd of 13 to The Green Grey in claiming stakes at England (10-11 Mrs A Sembank 18 na England (12-14)d, good to Timut. Classic Flod 13k1 4to of 10 to Sey in transfers at England (17-21-4)d, good to Timut. Classic Flod 13k1 4to of 10 to Sey in transfers at England (17-21-7)d, good to Timut. Straffishayes short next 2nd of 10 to Prainte Fatron in amateurs handway at Handwick (1m 21-12)yd, good to Timut. Princess Dankelle 9/e1 4th of 10 to Chief Cashter in handway at Dundalt (1m 11, good to Timut. Princess Dankelle 9/e1 4th of 10 to Chief Cashter in handway at England (1m 31-20)yd, good) Mings Awarded 5t 5th of 19 to Notcord Joy in handway at Handway (1m 31-20)yd, good (2m 31-37) of 15 to Time Theories in handway at Lingfield (71-14)yd, good to Timut. Amorosao 19th 3rd of 18 to Eba Magic in handway at Lingfield (71-14)yd, good to Timut. Amorosao 19th 3rd of 18 to Eba Magic in handway at Lingfield (71-14)yd, good to Timut. Amorosao 19th 3rd of 18 to Eba Magic in handway at Lingfield (71-14)yd, good to Timut. Amorosao 19th 3rd of 18 to Eba Magic in handway at Lingfield (71-14)yd, good to Timut. Amorosao 19th 3rd of 18 to Eba Magic in handway at Lingfield (71-14)yd, good to Timut. Amorosao 19th 3rd of 18 to Eba Magic in handway at Lingfield (71-14)yd, good to Timut. Amorosao 19th 3rd of 18 to Eba Magic in handway at Lingfield (71-14)yd, good to Timut. Amorosao 19th 3rd of 18 to Eba Magic in handway at Lingfield (71-14)yd, good to Timut. Amorosao 19th 3rd of 18 to Eba Magic in handway at Lingfield (71-14)yd, good to Timut. Amorosao 19th 3rd of 18 to Eba Magic in handway at Lingfield (71-14)yd, good to Timut. Amorosao 19th 3rd of 18 to Eba Magic in handway at Lingfield (71-14)yd, good to Timut. Amorosao 19th 3rd of 18 to Lingfield (71-14)yd, good to Timut.

SHAFFISHAYES, beaten a short head test time, can gain a deserved success

## **NUSSELBURGH**

2.10 Of all Morning. 2.40 Baisse D'Argent. 3.10 Ambideous. 3.40 Tancred Arms. 4.10 Brodesse. 4.40 Kirflutus. 5.10 Technician.

TOTE JACKPOT MEETING GOING: OF TO SOFT DRAW: 5LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.10 of MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (1-D: £2,863: 57) (10 runners) 4-5 On TIB Mag, 5-1 Atomatic, Bayland Green, 10-1 Poets Price, 12-1 Observand Rauga, 16-1 Probishe, Phylloco, 20-1 others.

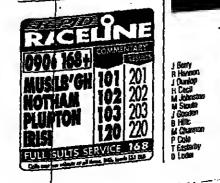
302 (1) 2585 SUMMERINAL SPECIAL 58 (CD.F.G.S) 0 Sarier 1-9-13
303 (13) -021 ONCE MORE FOR LUCK 11 (D.B.S) Mas Bening 7-40-11
304 (12) 5540 LANCER 9 (V.D.F.G.) J Pisarck 5-9-10 Scorp (5) 60
305 (6) 5046 HERR THRESER 25 (V.P.) CJ Scorph 7-9-4 J Osban 77
306 (10) 3354 ARTIC COURSER 9 (D.F.G.) 0 Cospore 7-9-4 G Carter 73
307 (S) 5161 LUCKY REGORA 31 (CD.S) A Cartel 5-9-6 C Carver (7) 65
308 (14) 035 MASTAL J VSTN 0 (B.F.G.) MV Steenby 8-9 3 TLUCK 75
309 (14) 035 MASTAL J VSTN 0 (B.F.G.) MV Steenby 8-9 3 TLUCK 75
310 (11) 2219 TEN PAST SEX 7 (J.D.F.G.S) M Visce 8-9 1 J Cartel 71
311 (3) 13-0 206575 VOLO 9 (B) Mis Insugitan 4-9 1 MRSHMETON 25
312 (9) 9032 AMBROCOTRUS 11 (CD.F.G.) FASTO 6-4-13 ... W Supple 61
313 (8) 5941 SHORT RUMANCE 18 (D.F.) HES 3-8-11 ... J Fortise 65 LEADERS ON THE FLAT

2.40 TATTERSALLS MANDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,184: 1m) (6)

2-1 Majorted, 3-1 Balese D'Argont, Super Forum, 4-1 Verposeo, 14-1 offices.

3.10 TOTE HANDECAP (SHOWCASE RACE AND TOTE TRIFECTA PACE) (£7,532; 1m 4f) (16)

201 (5) 04 BAISS PARGENT 25 D Coppre 8-12 G Carter 56
202 (1) 38 PORENTED 12 N Teles 6-12 K Carter 43
203 (2) 0 PERTINO 17 Julietnes 6-5 D Parti
204 (4) 2540 SUPER FORUM 31 M Johnston 8-3 J Carroll 205
(6) 502 VERYOREN 3-1 Particle 8-3 G Bardwell 55
205 (3) 0 LIVELY PROJECT 9 M Dods 7-12 T Williams 11



TRAINERS

11-2 Harra La Vista, 8-1 Lacky Segoela, 8-1 Osce More For Luck, Ten Past Str. Short Remarker, 10-1 Artic Chorles, Augustan, 12-1 others.

3.40 PHIKE NURSERY HANDICAP 8-1 Ladycase, 7-1 Magic Light, 8-1 Prince Consort, Charles Girl, 18-1 Onel Star Lightness Stars, Red Symphony, 12-1 others.

4.10 BLACK CASTLE HANDICAP (£3,058: 2m) (17) 4. U BLACK CASTLE HAND/CAP (£3,058: 2m) (17)

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503 (5) -2005 CUT COMMCHO 14 (CD.F.G) John Barry 4-9-13 K Dartoy 72

504 (2) 5211 BROCESSA 15 END.F.E.S) Mrs Review 12-9-7 A Dahase 85

505 (1) 3214 CHARTY CRUSADER 13 (8-F.6) Mrs Review 12-9-7 A Dahase 85

506 (1) 3214 CHARTY CRUSADER 13 (8-F.6) Mrs Review 12-9-7 A Dahase 85

507 (10) 5-52 BREWAN BLOW 16 F) F Bears 5-8-13 ... J Februar 5-9

508 (2) 525 CM THE MAY 13 (0-9) J O Med 3-9-5 ... R Lepoth 70

510 (14) 3550 SUSSEST 16 F/S) W Sorty 3-8-5 ... R Lepoth 76

511 (15) 5000 MACKET 115 M Review 4-7-13 ... J Mackety (7) 57

512 (17) 4400 MICKETSUN 16 (7) K Spec 47-16 ... J Mackety (7) 57

513 (6) 6000 JURNAN B (J.F.S) Mrs A Resigne 12-7-10 ... W Supple 86

514 (6) 605 BRES SUSSEST 16 F/S) Mrs A Resigne 12-7-10 ... W Supple 86

515 (16) -000 JURNAN B (J.F.S) Mrs A Resigne 12-7-10 ... W Supple 86

514 (6) 605 BRES SUSSEST 15 F/S) J Beds 4-7-16 ... J Open 15

515 (16) -000 JURNAN B (J.F.S) Mrs J J Beds 4-7-10 Course Mackets (7) 5-17

517 (7) E000 ALL ERRY FORGET 13 Debts 4-7-10 Course Mackets (7) 5-17

4-1 Sterid 6-1 Stediesse 7-1 Back Row, Charity Crusades, 6-1 Cut Obenoud, 10-1 4-1 Servil, 6-1 Septiess. 7-1 Sec. Roy. Charity Crusader, 6-1 Cut Disposed, 10-1 Services Blow, On The Mat, 14-1 others.

5.10 HONEST TOUN MAIDEN HANDICAP

5-2 Technician, 6-1 Endless Hours, 7-1 Machino, 8-1 Bactone, 10-1 Marylchone, Energy, Fical Claim, 12-1 others

**COURSE SPECIALISTS** TRAPEPS: Jam Beny, 3 wisners from 5 names, 60,0%, W Morr, 3 hom 7, 42,9%, M Prescot, 6 hom 21, 28,6%, J Beny, 43 from 185, 23,2%; J Parles, 3 from 13, 23,1%; S C Williams, 8 from 39, 20,5%, M W Esstery, 7 from 35, 20,0%. JOCKEYS: T Lucas, 3 whoes from 8 rides, 37.5%; 6 Carter, 5 from 21, 23.6%; K Darley, 39 from 180, 21.7%; R Winston, 10 from 46, 21.7%; J Wessen, 23 from 122, 18.5%, 6 Bardwell, 5 from 29, 17.2%.

#### SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Doncaster

Going: good (good to limi in places)
2.00 (8) 1, Vision Of Niight (1 Quinn, 11-8 lay); 2. Chomper (20-1), 3. Principality (9-1) 6 ran. 19. 4, J During, Teta. 52 20. C1.40, 53.60 DF 524.60. CSF: 526 95. 23.00 DF 924.65. CSF: C26.95.
23.0 11m) 1, Bowcoffle N. Carlsile. 11-1), 2, Botin Terry (15-2 p. lav), 3, Jay-Owe-Two (10-1); 4, Jaci Kngdri (10-1), Queens Corsul 15-2 p. lav. 21 en. 2, M. E. Alacon 10te 57-10; 63.80, 62.10, 63.90, 61.70 DF 55.00, CSF, 583.18. Incast: 6385.12, 3.05 (1m) 1, Right Wing (7 Quen, 13-21, 2, Sik St. John (11-2 p. lav), 3, Risque Lady (11-2 p. lav), 22 en. NR: Bergers Shid, nk. ) Dunlop, 10te: 65.60, 62.40, 62.10, 61.90, DF, 51.60 60, SSF, 540, 32, 7 mass, 5195.87, 340 ces above.

DF. £16.60. CSF. £40.32. Tricast, £196.87.
3.40 cas above.
4.15 (1m 21 80 yd) 1, Himsell (A McGione, 11-2 lav); 2, Shirerolla (25-1); 3, Scattergun (14-1); 4, Atcordeoft, (16-1); 30, ran Hd. [14-1]; H. Cecal, Tote: £5.90; £1.90, £9.20, £3.80.
10 Cecal, Tote: £5.90; £1.90, £9.20, £3.80.
10 DF. £348.90. Triligeta. £18,178.20 (part won. Pool of £5.632.99 carried bowerd to 3.10 Musselburgh today) CSF. £148.69
Tricast. £1,782.18. Mustale firmself first but was disqualified and placed last.
4.8 (58) 1. Shoer Wildon Al-Mille (8-1), 2 was disqualified and placed last.

4.45 (5) 1, Shear Widing (M Hills, 9-1), 2, Borrowini (10-1); 3, Red Phalire (11-2), Shica 13-8 fav. 13 ran. ½, rk. B Hills. 10te 13-70; 25-50, 23-80, 12-20 DF 199.90 CSF: 2100.21.

5.15 (8) 1, Assonished (J Fortune, 6-4 fav.); 2, Fills Of Life (16-1), 3, Alasztar Shresse (9-1); 4, Bodfari Anna (10-1), 22 ran. 1 ¼, rk. Mis J Ramsden. 10ter 12.10; 12.0, 17-90, 22.30, 22.30 DF 173-30. CSF 23.07 Tricast 1215-54.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £89,989.58 carried forward to Musselburgh today). Goodwood

2.20 1, Barley Meadow (9-1): 2, Maracti (7-1) f-fevt: 3, Cordial Knight (18-1), 4, Mutawali (72-1) Galloping Guns 7-1 (f-fev. 18 ran. NR: (2-1) George Gurs (-1) (-law, 18 ran, Mr. Stretching, 250 1, Mejesty (4-1), 2, Neschwood Legend (3-1), 3, Dunabratin (16-1) Water Flower 6-4 law, 16 ran, MR. Dawaski, Lead Him On. 3.25 1, Clifton Set (7-1), 2, Linton Rocks (9-4 law), 3, Crabsoppie Hill (11-2), 10 ran

3.20 1. Pepping (13-2 tav); 2. Cariton (10-1); 3. Riffi (10-1); 4. Nory Desm (20-1), 21 ran NR. Jayennpee, Rum Lad. Stone of Desmy. 3.55 1, Little Acom (10-1); 2. Berdon Hill Boy (9-4 tav), 3. Legel Lunch (7-2) B ran

4.30 1. King Adam (4-11 fav); 2. Zindebad (9-2), 3. Home Office (9-1), 4 ran.

5.00 1. Edwardien (9-4); 2. Silver Sun (7-1); 3. Gedy Red (6-4 fav), 11 ran

1.50 1. Up The Carrets (9-1); 2, Lambrel Lad (5-2 tay), 3, Edwards (5-1), 13 ren, 2.25 1, Pomme Secret (5-2); 2, Endowment (9-2), 3, Newton Mest (9-1) Guttendge 11-6 tay 9 ran, 2.55 1. Chief Mouse (5-1), 2, So Keen | 15-8 tay); 3, Fraser Carrey (9-1), 10 ran, 3,45 1,8-harmone Mestey (2-1), tay, 3, Stare

Seyl, 3. Hassar Carrey (6-1), 10 ran, S.46 1, Ratharnne Metodoy (2-1 tay), 2, Sharp Embrace (20-11, 3, War Whoop (6-1), 12 ran, NY: Fort Gale, 4.20 1, Danagold (6-2); 2, Indian Jookey (9-4); 3, Country Orchid (11-8 fav), 4 ran.

4.50 1, Petersen House (15-8), 2, White in Front (100-1), 3, Pennsule Soy (5-1) Castle Clear (f) 5-4 lav 10 ran NR Festival

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5.05 1, Springfield Scally (11-2), 2, Peawir Bridge (6-1), 3, Steady Eddy (5-1) Furflux 5-4 tav 1\$ ran, NR Glacial Missale

I ne car's whiskers. Sprite

2.15 1, Warningford (7-2 lav); 2, Al Muallim 14-1); 3. Volortiers (14-1), 9 ran. 2.45 1, Mutamarn (11-8 lav), 2, Prince Of Denial (11-1), 3, Sosuru (7-4), 4 ran.

4.00 1, Runaway Peta (9-4): 2, Kinnescash (9-2): 3, Showy Petra (11-8 lav), 5 ran. 4.35 1, Youbertarbelleveit (5-4 lav), 2, Dinec. (11-8): 3, Easy Listening (9-2): 8 ran. MR: Cition Game, Oyrus The Greel, Dantza, Gienforada.

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### BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: London 95 Ede-burgh 94. Derby 103 Chester Jets 93, Lerrester 63 Tramps Valley 76, Manchester 36 Birmingham 61. Newcastle 73 Greater London 77, Worthing 83 Sheffield 111 London //, Womaning 83 Sheffield 111
NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Covering 64 Bridon 67, Oxford 89 Teesside 73;
Plymouth 92 Cardiff City 84, Solent 91
Stevenage 79; Solinul 83 Westminster 56
Second division: Bournemouth 54 Swindon 64, Stough 49 Cressington 91.
Tsanton 82 Northermpton 92. Third division: Barking and Degenham 55 Stoke 73;
Plymouth 47 Derbyshire Arrows 75.

#### **BOWLS**

WORTHING: Open tournament: Singles: Semi-firels: C Hayward bt M Leyshon 21-11, M Overington bt 5 Robertson 21-8 Final: Overington bt 14 Robertson 21-8 Final: Overington bt Hayward 21-11 Triptes: Semi-firels: G Leigh, C Scott and G Salf bt F Brown, R Ottley and R Lamdin 13-11. L Thompson. H Peacock and M Overington bt D Webb, P Hodges and A Vider 33-4 Final: Trompson, A Lews (substitute for Overington) and Peacock bt Leigh, Scott and Salf 16-11 COVENTRY: Golden Charter Women's All England senior champonships; Singles: Ouarter-lanels: J Mason (Barbon Auckland) bt S Ovley (Outon, Kenl) 21-13, W Davies Charter-lanels: J Mason (Barbon Auckland) bt S Ovley, (Outon, Kenl) 21-13, W Herman (Clevedon Promenade) 21-13, W Barnard (Brotham, Devon) bt J Baker (Lowestort Rathway) 21-10 Semi-finals: Mason to Davies 21-18: Barnard bt Heithengton 21-16 Final: Bernard bt Heithengton (Wessex Cub. Weston Supermare) bt J Meadows and C Morton (Perkins, Peterborough) 21-11: F Harner and A Morton (Botton) bt J Parsley and D Phatt (Sele Ferm, Herrford) 17-16, J Cook and M Grozvenor (Highway, Covenity) bt J Hills and V Hairus (Hartley Country Club, Kerr) 23-18. D Woodley (Rodbourne Cheney) and J Loyd (Purton) boat N Hazdedine and D Larkun (Silver Band, Long Eaton) 21-15. Semi-finals: Rees and Collard bt Harner and Morton 27-23, Cook and Grozvenor bt Woodley and Loyd 18-8 Final: Rees and Collard bt Cook and Grozvenor 21-15. Semi-finals: Best Ethiologian (135 Ireland 90 ID Auckland 27 M J Landel 135 Ireland 90 ID Auckland 27 M J

W Philips 12, T Teylor 16 J Stephens 17, N
Jones 26 R Deniel 22; Scotland 125
Ireland 105 (G Campbell 23 B Quinn 15; A
While 23 R Fiddls 18; K Harper 12 M
Shannon 24; S Dodds 13 B Brown 22; B
Mettors 31 J Kear 16, C Fatconer 23 I Ross
12; Welses 12† Scotland 119 (Nyetl 27
Harper 18, Philips 28 Dodds 15; Slephens
17 Mettors 15; Daniel 12 Fatconer 27;
Britton 17 Campbel 26, Williams 20 Whits
18) Scotland 127 England 92 (Dodds 27
Jenters 13, Fatconer 18 Jones 16, Campbel 14 Hollis 18, White 24 Manes 18 Harper
16 Auckland 19, Mettors 28 Taylor 12)
Wales 119 Ireland 114 (Phillips 32 Brown
14; Daniel 24 Ross 16; Britton 12 Fiddis 26;
Williams 15 Ouinn 16; Wyad 25 Shannon
21, Stevens 13 Kerr 19) Final champloniship positions; 1, Scotland 40pts (shots
difference: plus 53); 2, England 40 (plus
14); 3, Wales 40 (plus 3), 4, Ireland 12
(minus 70)

INTER-COUNTY MATCHES: Derbyshire 119 Hertondshire 120 (in Derby West End): Mormouthshire 112 Witishire 131 (in Owens Coming); Northamptonshire 97 Berkshire 190 (in Pashingbury); Notthingham-shire 100 Warwickshire 138 (in Nottingham)

#### **BOXING**

BETHINAL GREEN: European fightweight champlonship: B Schwer (Luton, hoder) bit M Farnandas (Fr) rsc. 7th Heavyweight (6mds): M Potter (Walthamason) bit A Berbacht (Fr) ret 4th, 14mds): D Wats (Peckham) bit L Hussrak (Ger) pis Super-middleweight (4mds): Calvey (Porlamouth) bit 5 Eminson (Leeds) rac 2nd Weltenweight (4mds): Castman (Battersea) bit E Wilsoms (Homsey) ret 5th Lightweight (4mds): G Scott (Swel los R Billus (Lith): (4mds): G Earl (Luton) bit B Coman (Brimongham) pis: M Zengen (Swel bit M Thomas (Swendas) pis, (10 mds) H Senior (Charlton) bit M Sprott (Reeding) rsc. 8th

#### **CANOEING**

SPAIN: Stalom World Cup: 1, P Ratcliffe (GB) 200 49sec 2, H Obinger (Austria) 20113, 3, T Schmidt (Ger) 20290; 4, P Ferrazz (R) 20356 Women: KI: 1, S Hilgertova (Cr) 224 66, 2, M Etzmendi-Perez (Sp) 2323 03; 3, E Asiska (Slovakia) 236 78, 4, H Comfe (GB) 238 23 CT singles: 1, M Marilkan (Slovakia) 206 44: 2, P Estanguet (Fr) 213 93, 3, L Potion (Cz) 1421; 3 J Minch (Slovakia) 215 50 C2 doubles: 1, R Smba and R Vass (Slovakia) 230 04, 2, P Sterd and P Sterd (Cz) 225 89, 3, M Jiras and T Mader (C2) 229 14, 4, S Bowman and N Smith (GB) 229,68.

#### CYCLING

TOUR OF SPAIN: Eighth stage (181.Sim)1, F Guidi ft) 4hr 15min 21sec; 2, P van Petegem (8el); 3, A Tohmil (8el); 4, N Mattan (8el); 5, M Zberg (Swetz), 6, M Hwastae (Slovenia); 7, P Chanleur (Fr), 10, A Castresaria (So) all at same time. Overall positions; 1, JM Jiménez (Sp) 36hr 44min 44sec; 2, R Heras (Sp) at 31sec; 3, Jelabert 33; 4, LAmistong (US) 56; 5, A Otano (Sp) 58, 6, O Clavero (Sp) same time; 7, M Beltran (Sp) 59; 8, D Frigo (t); 8, F Escantin (Sp), 10, D Camencind (Switz) Withdrawn; C Boardman (SB).

Road Racing Progo Hatering
CRANBOURNE CHASE Dorset: BCF
national under 21 series final: 1, M Bottill
(Team Northern Folks) 3hr Brain 35sec. 2, Y
Berker (Mid-Devon CC) at 1:16; 3, N
Switherbank (ABC Centreville) same time
Final overall: Bottrill

Final overall: Bollan
STOKENCHURCH, Bucks: BCF-Reynolds
national junior series final (72 miles): 1, J
Barnes (Mid Oxon CRT) 3 02:00: 2 L Finch
(Worcester St John's CC) at 13sec. 3, M
Freeman (High Wycombe CC) at 15sec
Final overall: J Atberts (VC Chesterfield) Final overall: J Afberts (VC Chesterfield)
BLETCHINGLEY: Norwood Paragon (90 miles): 1, 6 Balear (Condor Cycles) 3:5609;
2, P Crook (West Drayton MBC) same lime.
3, D Berkeley Sigma Sport RT) at 35series AYRSHIRE: Scottish CU Grand Prix series final (85 miles) 1, J Wright (unatt) 3 41-40;
2, W Gibo (Johnstone Wheelers) at 254, 3, G Brown (VC Astar) at 259 Final overall. D Wilson (Clarke Contracts)
ALFORD, Grampian: Scottish CU netional veltarars' championship (60 miles), 1, W Gibo (Johnstone Wheelers) 24-415, 2, P Burcan (Aberdeen Mutisgori) at 1:24; 3, R Wilson (Invertiyde Velo) at 1:55

Time Trials EMBLETON, Cumbrie: RTTC national junior 10-mile championehip: 1, S Cummings (Team Brile) 21:33: equal 2, M Baker (Team Veto Sport) and B Halkam (Team Brite) 22:04 Team: Boxder City Wheelers TEMPSFORD, Bedfordshire: North Middlesex and Herifondshire CA | 100 mises | 1. G Butter Norwood Paragoni 3:44.44, 2, A Profite (VC Deal) 3:54:56: 3, R Ven Looy | Colchester Rovers; 3:55:21 Team, Hattiss, Sci. 10:64:29

RC 12:05.42.
DIDCOT: Mid Oxon CRT (50 miles) 1. F.
Davson (flearn Ambrose) 1:41:12; 2. N.
Pear (Molsall RCC) 1:46.01; 3. E. Deane
Rourmenouth Jubiles (Wheelers) 1:47:47.
GAMSTON, Notis: Rotherham Wheelers
(50 miles) 1, 7 Stoff (VC York) 1:56:23; 2. J.
Rickards (flearn Gum) 1:58 14, 3, A Cooke
(VC Chesterfield) 2:00:41.

#### FOR THE RECORD

**EQUESTRIANISM** BLENHEIM: Horse and Hound Interna-tional Three Day Event: 1, Westlord (P Claft, G8) 50 D persites: 2, Petrifinder (8 Whight Mortis, US) 51.2 3, The Gengster II, K Gifford, G8) 54.2 4, Dañance (L Fredericks, G8) 54.6, 5, Rambow Mage (P Funnelt, G8) 56.8, 8, Simple Solution (S Longstow, G8) 56.6; 7, King Leo (A Nicholson, NZ) 57.8; 6, City Stok (J Werd, G8) 58 B

#### **GOLF**

FOREST OF ARDEN, Warwickshire: Brillish Mesters: Leading final scores (Creat and Ireland unless stated) 281: C Montgomeric 70, 72, 70, 69, 282: P Fuke (Swel 71, 72, 22, 67; E Romero (Arg) 70, 69, 282: P Fuke (Swel 71, 72, 72, 67; E Romero (Arg) 70, 69, 75, 68, 292: A Oldcom 71, 73, 71, 69, P Ouind (Switz) 68, 73, 70, 72, 294: G Owen 70, 71, 73, 70 285: J Bickarion 70, 75, 73, 67, R Claydon 72, 73, 68, 72. S Tomanos 69, 72, 71, 73, D Chopra (Swel 71, 72, 58, 73, L286: G Chairmers (Aust) 72, 73, 74, 67; A Karkkonen (Firi) 71, 69, 70; L Westwood 73, 70, 73, 70; S Kjeldsen (Den) 72, 71, 72, 71; I Woosnam 75, 66, 73, 72; S Gardis (Spi) 71, 73, 72, 58, 73, M Ser 72, 68, 73, 17; B Braedhurst 79, 65, 74, 69; M Lanner (Swel) 71, 73, 73, 70, M A Jimshez: (Spi) 10, 75, 72, 70, M A Jimshez: (Spi) 69, 70, 73, 74; O Kartsson (Swel) 73, 71, 74; O Clerke 67, 71, 74; C Heining (Great Britain and Ireland unless stated), 272: J M Lara (Spi) 69, 70, 68, 68, 275: R Soborg (Swel) 70, 71, 70, 68; G Masson 71, 71, 69; GWer 67, 70, 69, 70, 70, 71, 72; E Lattie 67, 70, 68, 74, 280; A Bringth (N) 77, 77, 78; C Surisson 70, 71, 70, 65; S Watson 71, 71, 65, 69, 277; J Carries (Spi) 69, 66, 67, 70, 68, 74, 280; A Bringth (N) 70, 71, 70, 73; E Lattie 67, 70, 68, 74, 280; A Bringth (N) 70, 70, 71, 70, 63; S Watson 71, 71, 69; Other scores: 281; J Flobinson 72, 68, 71, 70, 70, 68, 69, 73, 71, 70, 50 Ownhor 70, 71, 70, 70; G Sheny 68, 69, 73, 71, 70; C Downhor 70, 71, 70, 70; G Sheny 68, 69, 73, 71, 70; C Downhor 70, 71, 70, 70; G Sheny 68, 69, 73, 71, 70; C Downhor 70, 71, 70, 70; G Sheny 68, 69, 73, 71, 70; C Downhor 70, 71, 70, 70; G Sheny 71, 70; C Brington C Caradian Open: Leaders after third round (United States) 09, 69, 73, 71. Schmedar Deen: Leaders after third round (United States uniess stated): 204: R Frend 66, 67, 68. 206: B Anchade 68, 69, 69 207: H Sutton 71, 69, 67 208: M Hubbert 72, 70, 66 208 Day 74, 71, 64; S Indeler 71, 73, 56. C DMsrco 73, 65, 71, 210: S Verptank 68, 71, 21: M Smelt 69, 71, 71, 211: ALize (GBI 75.

71: M Sman by, 1, 1, 1, 2, 67; J L Lews 72, 70, 66; S McRoy 72, 72, 67; J L Lews 72, 70, 68; K Gkoson 68, 72, 71, 212: A Channe 76; 70, 66; F Zooller 69, 76, 67; J Delsmay 76, 68; 68; 5 Ames (Trin) 71, 73, 68; S Jones 769, 69; C Barlow 71, 72, 69; J Funyl, 71, 70; 61; Maritace 70, 73, 69; D Edwards 69, 7

WASHINGTON: LPGA Sefeco Classic: Leaders after two rounds (Lnited Series unless sizied): 204: P. Sheehen 71, 66, 67, 205: A Sorensiam (Swe) 69, 70, 67, 209: J Inkeiter 73, 69, 67, 58 Ri Pair (S Kor) 67, 68, 74, 210: K Webb (Aus) 71, 70, 68; C News (SB) 69, 71, 70, R Jones 70, 58, 71, 211: C Sorensiam (Swe) 72, 70, 89; C Kane (Car) 71, 71, 69; B Surton 72, 67, 72; B Mucha 70, 68, 73, P Hammel 96, 71, 74, S Steinhauer 65, 71, 75, 212: R Welson 71, 72, 69; D Rohard 71, 69, 72; T Hamson 70, 69, 73; B Daniel 72, 68, 74 Other acores; 215: C Matthew (GB) 71, 75, 69; L Hestiney (GB) 77, 77, 69; K Marshall (GB) 77, 78, 73. WASHINGTON: LPGA Sefeco Classic

#### HOCKEY

MEDLAND CLUS MATCHES: Bridgeorth 0 Strawsbury 1; Bromagone 2 Reddisch 2; Cennock 10 Wombourne 0; Cennock 6 Aldridge 1; Herborne 3 Leek 3, Kidder-minster 0 Steurport 2, Kings Heath 3 Lichfield 1; Leicester Westleigh 5 Ashby 0; Lacester Westleigh 3 Kendel 1; Perstone 0 Droutwich 3; Sution Codifield 4 Nuneston 7; Telford 2 O Helesoniene 3; Wednesbury 3 O Wether bridge 2

ICE HOCKEY

BENSON & HEDGES CUP: Saturday: Group A: Ayr 8 Newcastle 6; Cardiff 3 Bracknet 0 Group B: Nation; sem 6 Sheffield 3. Group C: Fife 6 Telford 2. Paisley 3 Edinburgh 5 Group D: Quildlord 7 Paterborough 2. Slough 3 Kingston 3 LACROSSE

BATH: Men's eight-a-cide tournament Semi-finals: Temperlay A 6 Hutmeens 1: Templerley B 5 Wilmslow 4 (set) Final Temperloy A 2 Temperley B 1

## BERIGHAMSTED: Women's Pendley eight-s-eide tourrement: Semi-linals: Certaurs 5 Puncy 2; Berishra Wanderers 2 Pandley 3; Final: Certaurs 1 Berishra Wanderers 4.

MOTORCYCLING

DARLEY MOOR; ACU Formula 2 Sidecar Road Race championship: 1, G Hompoie and K Leigh (Honda) 14min 48.26sec; 2, A Scholaid and J Bedwarth (Yamaha) 14:34 53, 3, T Hanks and S Wilson (Yamaha) 15:00.75 Championship posit-ions: 1, Hompoie and Leigh 224ps; 2, Harks and Wilson 207, 3, Schofield and Backworth 153

#### MOTOR RACING

OULTON PARK: British Touring Car championship: Round 23: 1, J Thompson (GB, Honda Acoord) 20: 1, J Thompson (GB, Honda Acoord) 20: 11, J Thompson (GB, Honda Acoord) 20: 11, J Thompson (GB, Honda Acoord) 20: 13, J Tayler, GB, Missan Primera) 2: 257. 3, A Meru: (Switz, Henzult Laguna) 1345; 4, D Lesie (GB, Missan Primera) 2: 257. 5, Y Muller (Fr, Audi A4) 3: 172; 6, J Pisto (GB, Renauft Laguna) 7: 973; 10: D Warwick (GB, Yaurhall Wastra) 14: 176. Round 24: 1, Red 45: mn 25: 368ser; 2, Pisto at 7: 7:45ser; 3, Mader 9: 668; 4, R Rydell (Swe, Volvo S40) 14: 200; 5, Warwick 11: 7: 6, Hoy 24: 522. Chempionship standings: Diviers: 1, Rydel 23: 1pts; 2, Red 220; 3, Menu 165. 4, Thompson 179: 5, Pisto 150; 6, Lesie 134 Marruffecturers: 1, Nissan 26: 4pts; 2, Renaut 244; 3, Volvo 233; 4, Honda 203; 5, Vaurhall 162; 6, Audi 140.

#### MOTOR RALLYING

MANX RITERNATIONAL RALLY: 1. M
Rowe (John, Rensult Megane) 3hr 13min
tilsec: 2. T Laudranen (Fin, Rensult
Megane) at 3min 58sec; 3. D Higgans (John,
Subaru WRO) 8:33: 4. J Kymietro (Fin,
Vauhal Astra) 9:52: 5. L O'Calleghan (Ite,
Ford Escor) 11:44: 6. A McRae (Soot,
Volkswegen Golf) 13:04: 7. E Armstrong
(Soot, SEAT Ibras) 13:33: 6. D McGeanty
(N Iv., Misubish) Lancer) 16:21: 9. S
Sermonte (Eng. Ford Escor) 17:33: 10. R
Woodstde (N Iv., Misubish) EVO M) 17:44.
British championship positions: Dirivers:
1, Rowe 164pts: 2. G Evens (Walks, SEAT
Ibra) 153: 3. McPae 133: 4. Laudranen
127: 5. N Wearden (Eng. Horde Cwo) 102:
6. Kytoletho 96. Manufacturers: 1, Pansult
180: 3. 2. SEAT 180: 3. Volkswagen 165: 5. 4,
Ford 144, 5. Vauchall 141: 6. Paugeot 116

#### **ORIENTEERING**

YORKSHIRE: Home International event: Men (18km). 1, J Stevenson (Scot) 90mm 27sec; 2, A Kitchin (Scot) 97:35; 3, J Musgares (Scot) 10221 Women (10km); 1, K Dalton (Eng) 60:45; 2, U Cgreegh (re) 63:56; 3, A Bedwell (Wates) 65:36

#### **REAL TENNIS**

MORETON MORRELL: Lady Hemitton women's championship: Semi-finals: S Jones (GB) bt F Holland (GB) 6-5, V Hom bt J Miller (GB) 6-4. Final: Jones bt Hom 6-1

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#### ROWING

HCLYPORT: Dresdner Niehwort Benson Classic quellying event: Semi-linels: R Gurn (GB) br. J Howell (GB) 6-5, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3; S Vergone (Aus) br. Philips (GB) 6-5, 8-3, 6-1. Pinel: Virgona br Gurn 6-3, 6-2, 6-1.

FOOTBALL: Northern Itt League: Blackburn 2 Blackgool 3, 3ord 2 Huddersfield 1. Selton 5 So. Gheshire 1 Inter-association meticheshesterfield 2 Doncaster 5; Manchester 2ects 1; South Notes 0 Mansfield 0; Gospond Fareham 3 Hevent 2. Hempton 2 Larer 1; OEGS Blackburn 6 Manchester G. RUGBY UNION: Amoldi Hutton 0; Beachen Cliff 11 Colstor 10, Bishop's Stortford HS 0 Coope Coborn 12; Bradford GS 38 Ampteriord 0; Christ's Hosp 24 Pontsmouth GS: Crandelph 17; King's Gloucester 14; stbourne 10; Sevenceth 22; Edinburg-Academy 31; Association 14; Shourne 10; Sevenceth 22; Edinburg-Academy 31; Halleybury 19; Whitegis; Hanniow 20; Sevenceth 5; Franty Tahn Clevelland 35; Halleybury 19; Whitegis; Hanniow 20; Merchant Taylors 10; Hers S3 KCS Grentham 5; KCS Wintblet 20 Teffin 10; King's, Taylorin 39; Kin, Bullon 10; King's, Taylorin 39; Kin, Bullon 10; King's, Taylorin 39; Kin, Bullon 10; King's, Franty 10; Coventry 5; Manchester GS stockport 9; Corston's 46 Gesend 0; St Edwards Coving's 1; Surficialismos 10; Started 25; Side Sales 24; Glagoteswick 5; Rugbry 0; Upprigham 16; Started 25; Corston's 25; Corston's 26; Gesend 0; St Edwards Coving's 3; Colle's S1; Paul's 18; Guiddiord 15; Startedatence 10; O Boys 13; Torrobdige 14 B 3, Truto 24; Strebbear 7; Warniok 20; Video 12, John Fisher 38. COLOGNE: World championships: Saturday: Man: Lightweight single sculls: 1. S. Bassimi (t) 5mm 48.90sec: 2 M Valorousek (t) 6mm 50.98sec: 3, K. Nielsen (Den) 851 52: 5, P. Hanno (GB) 855.74. Coned pairs: 1, Australia 84501: 2, Lahy 6-47.71. J. United Seates 6:50.06. Lightweight eights: 1, Mastralia 8501: 2, Lahy 6-47.71. Single sculls: 1, Butdold (NZ) 653-65, 2, K. Miser (Suntz) 841.55, 3, V. Chalupa (CJ) 6-43.86; 4, Con (Soveria) 6:39.56, 2, X. Miser (Suntz) 841.55, 3, V. Chalupa (CJ) 6-43.86; 4, Con (Soveria) 6:48.36; 5, G. Seate (GB) 6:51.82; 6, A. brahim (Egypt) 7:01.44. Condess pairs: 1, Germany 6:22.32; 2, Australia 6:24.23; 3, Vuposlava 6:25.52; 6, Great Britain (S. Willams and F. Scarlett, 6:31 18 Double sculls: 1, Germany 6:13:02; 2, Norway 6:14:49, 3, Poland 6:15:50. Condess fours: 1, Great 6:ntain 5:48.06; (J. Cachnel, S. Richgrave, T. Foster and M. Pinsent; 2. Rengely 1, Creat 6:15:50. Condess fours: 1, Great 6:16:50. Condess fours: 1, Great 6:30:53: 2, Lanual 5:31:49. Condess fours: 1, Great 6:30:53: 2, Lanual 5:31:49. Condess fours: 1, Great 6:30:53: 2, Lanual 6:31:40. Condess fours: 1, Great 6:30:73. Single sculls: 1, II Fedotova (Puss) 7:25:09; 2, K. Ruschow (GB) 7:37:35. Condess pairs: 1, Canada 6:31:50: 3, Holland 6:49:75: 3, Great Britain (D Blacke and C Bishop) 7:08:12: 2, Great Britain (D Blacke and C Bishop) 7:08:12: 2, Great Britain (D Blacke and C Bishop) 7:08:12: 1, Lahy 5:57:80: 2, Germany 5:58:59: 3, United States 6:02:74: 4, Irusind 6:04:23: 4, Great Britain (B Blacke and G Lindsay) 6:48:85: 2, Holland 6:49:75: 3, Great Britain (B Blacke and G Lindsay) 6:48:85: 2, Holland 6:49:75: 3, Great Britain (B Blacke and G Lindsay) 6:48:85: 2, Holland 6:49:75: 3, Great Britain (B Blacke and G Lindsay) 6:48:85: 2, Holland 6:49:45:49:75:

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Fredriksson (Swe) bi G BasSwitzl 6-1, 91. T Nydahl (Swe) bi I LubicCro) 6-1, 6-2
Semi-Frasis: Andersen bi vig 6-4, 6-4
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Nydahl bi Andersen 6-4-1. Women:
Quarter-Grasts: D Chicalle (Cz) bi C
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Ahl (Eng) 7-5, 6-2, J Ward pick) bi E Bes
(So) 2-6, 6-2, 6-1; G di alle fil) bi A
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Att; 5,752 St Helens 32 Castleford

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Nirkbunon 200-9 Scholes 203-5, Laccelles
Hall 102-5 Fland 106-1 Linthwane 173-7
Kri-Phoalon 175-5, Skelmanthorpe 210-7 dec
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Chesham 128-8 Amershem 99-7, Basingstoke 17-7-7 Cove 103-8; Wokingham 2291 Finchampstead 170-4; Harrefeld 193-5;
Ickenham 179-7, Marilow 147-6 High Wycombe 57-1, Sough 20-7 Reading 232-4
YORKSHIRE LEAGUE: Dintield 236-3 Scarborough 173-7; Vorks Academy 125
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☐ Other matches postponed/abandoned

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Beverley E Hull 14 Castleford LL 34
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Steve Backley takes aim during the IAAF World Cup in Johannesburg yesterday. Backley won with a throw of 88.71 metres in the javelin but Great Britain ended in sixth place overall in the men's event, which was won by Africa.

JOHANNESBURG: World Cup: Saturday: Merr: 400m: 1, 1 Thomas (GB) 45 33eec: 2, J Young (US) 45 3T; 3, T McIraosh (Ame) 45 46 1.500m: 1, L Rottch (Ahr) 3 40,37; 2, R Stiva (Eur) 3 40,95; 3, A Whiteman (GB) 3 40 99 3,000m steeplechase: 1, D Kellabe: (Ger) 9min 31 25sec; 2, B Barmasa (Ahr) B'31 85; 3, S Al-Asmari (As) B.39.69. British: 5, C Stephenson B 56 67 Hammer: 1, T Geoser (Eur) 82 69m; 2, H Weis (Ger) 80 13, 3, A Abduretiyer (As) 79 40 British: 5, M. Jones 72 89 Disense 1, V mer: 1, T. Gacser (Eurl 82 69m; 2, H. West (Garl) 80 13, 3, A Abduvellyev (Ast) 79 40 British: 5, M. Jones 72,89 Discus: 1, V. Alekna (Eurl, 69,65m, 2, L. Riedel (Ger) 67 47, 3, F. Kruger, CAh) 65 73 British: 5, R. Werr 8A 39 Pote vaute: 1, M. Tarastov (Eurl, 5,85m, 2, T. Lubbinger (Ger) 580; 3, J. Hartwig (US) 5 70, British: 6, M. Edwards 5,40, Triple Jump: 1, C. Friedek (Ger) 17,42m; 2, D. Kapushin (Eurl) 17,32, 3, Y. Ouesada (Ame) 17,25, British: 7, L. Achika 16 69, 4 x 100m relay: 1, Great Britan (Condon, Devorish, Golding and Chambers) 38,09sec; 2, United States 38,25; 3, Africa 38, 29, Women: 100m; 1, M. Jones (US) 10 65sec; 2, C. Stumpo (Ame) 10,97; 3, M. Onyali (Afr) 11,05, 100m hurdles: 1, G. Alocie (Afr) 11,05, 12,77 800m; 1, M. Mutola (Afr) 1min 59,88sec; 2, Y. Alasyeva (Russ) 2, 0,000; 3, L. Vnesde (Ame) 2,00 56,5,000m; 1, S. Otsilivan (Eurl) 16,24,52, 2, R. Jacobs (US) 18:26,24,3,8 Adere (Afr) 18,38,81 Shot: 1, V. Pavlysh (Eurl) 20,59m, 2, 1

200m: 1, F Fredericks (AM) 19.97; 2, G Bradley (US) 20.38; 3, T Douglas (Euf) 20.40 British: 5, D Turner 20.51 3,000m: 1, D Bournarm (Ger) 7,58.24; 2, I Victors (Euf) 25.47; 3, T Nyanki (Ah) 7,59.48, British: 7, N Caddy 8:16.81 High jump: 1, C Austin (US) 2.31m; 2, J Solomayor (Ame) 2.28, 3, S Nyuger (Euf) 2.26 British: 6, D Grant (GB) 2,10, Javelin: 1, S Bachtey (GB) 85.7 im; 2, S Makarov (Euf) 86.96; 3, R Hecht IGer) 84.92, 4 x 400m retay: 1, United States 2min 59.28sec; 2, Gerail Britain 2.59.71, 3, Americas 259.77 Women: 400m; 1, F Oqurikoya (Ah) 49.52, 2, G Brisuer (Ger) 49.88, 3, 3 Richards (Ame) 50.33, 3,000m; 1, G Szabo (Euf) 900.54, 2, Z Osacz; (Ah) 9.10 Jones (US) 7.01; 3, Y Guan (As) 6,74 Discuss: 1, F Dietzsch (Ger) 1.07m; 2, M Jones (US) 7.01; 3, Y Guan (As) 6,74 Discuss: 1, F Dietzsch (Ger) 87.07m; 2, N Jones (US) 7.02; 3, Y Guan (As) 6,74 Discuss: 1, F Dietzsch (Ger) 7, Unifed States 42.00sec: 2, Americas 42.44; 3, Germany 42.B1

FINAL STANDINGS: Men: 1, Atrica HINAL STANDINGS: Men: 1, Amca 110pts; 2, Europe 109: 3, Germany 102: 4, Americas 97: 5, United States 94: 6, Great Britain 89: 7: Asia 64: 9, Oceania 53, Women: 1, United States 96pts; 2, Europa 94: 3, Africa 88: 4, Paissia 87: 5, Americas 81: 5, Germany 75: 7, Asia 45: 6, Oceania 42:

Shot: 1. V Parlysh (Eur) 20:99m, 2, 1
Korzhanenko (Russi 16.04; 3 C Procesmith (US) 18:79
YESTERDAY: Men: 110m hurdles: 1, F
Balzer (Ger) 13,10sec; 2. C Jackson
(GB) 13,11; 3, A Garca (Amej 13.14.)

TALENCE, France: Decastar combined events: Decastricon: 1, J-A Magrusson (cei 6.410pts (100m: 10.71. Long jump 7.81. Shot: 16:61 High jump, 2:04m 400m: 47:75, 110m hurdles: 14:40 biscus 38:84. Pole vault, 5:00m Javefin:

159.99. 1.500m: 4:/4867); 2. S. Chmara (Pol) 8,303 (11.08.7 34m, 15.44m, 207. 48.33, 14.25, 42.90. 5.20. 56.59, 44266); 3. L. Lobodin (Fluss) 6,290 (10.99. 7.38. 14.91., 2.07. 49.61, 14.24. 46.42, S.20, 56.36, 4.46.07); 4. E. Harnalsinen (Fn) 8,200. 5. R. Selvire (Cc) 8,056; 6. S. Levtoq (Fn) 7,804; 7. J. Rosendazi (Pht) 7,486. 8. K. Damasek (Cc) 7,386. Haptathlori: 1. U. Woodarczyck (Pol) 8,362pts (100m frurdes: 13.39. High jump: 1.81. Shot: 14.20. 200m: 24.44. Long jump. 6,37. Javelin: 42.81. 800m: 2:17.09); 2. R. Nozarovienne (Lith) 6,312 (13.30. 1.78m, 14.14. 24.25. 6.37, 39.51, 2:14.72; 3. N. Sazarovitch (Bela) 6,229 (13.31. 172. 15.29. 23.96; 6.37. 42.32. 227.08); 4. J. Belova (Russ) 8,205, 5. M. Collottville (Fn) 6,151. 6. S. Braun (Gen) 6,147: T. N. Rashchupkina (Russ) 6,090; 8. K. Blair (US) 6,029; 8. N. Teppe (Fn) 6,030; 10. L. Nathan (US) 5,286. PORTSMOUTH: BUPA Great South Rum Men (10 miles): 1. S. Franke (Gen) 47mm 40sec, 2. B. Masya (Ken) 49:14; 3, A. Pearson (Lonovood) 48.37; 4. J. Rufo (Ken) 48.40; 5. S. Newporn (Blockheath) 48.40; 5. S. Newporn (Blockheath) 48.40; 5. S. Newporn (Blockheath) 49.64; 10. M. Croasciale (Brogray) 49.49. Womer: 1, M. Sakion (Westbury) 54.17; 2. B. Dagne (Essex Ladies) 54.43; 3. L. Tabox (Bedford) 54.45; 4. J. Thompson (Barb) 54.47; 5. Z. Hyds (Havan) 57.31; 6. A. Siles (Westbury) 57.42; 7. J. Botz (Brayon) 58.08; 8. M. Wannel (Esserer) 59.08; 9. L. Wilkams (Arana 80) 59:14, 10. A. Lucas (Chris Larre) 59.24.

Wakefield: Triest: Hitchmough, Maynard, Simpton-Dansel Cores: Ure 2: Pent: Ure Worcester: Triest: Myler 3, Hughes 2, Lonett, Smon Const: Le Bas 5, Pent: Le Bas

Jewson National League

First division B'harr/Solihull 28 Otley Harrogale 9 Morley Liverpool St H 33 Lydney Manchester 72 Camberley

## Second division north

London Scottish: Perr, McAusland Leicester, Tries: Emika, Gustard, Strapson, Stransky Cone, Stransky 3, Pens Stransky 4, Att 2,138, Aspetina 1B Sandal Kendal 12 New Bright Lichfield 15 Preston Sadgley Park 27 Numeration Shellied 37 Stourbridge Wintichurch 10 Hunckley Winnington Park 3 Walzelf 19 Bath Newcastle: Try: Ryar. Con: Wikinson. Pans: Wikinson J. Bath: Try: Adebayo. Pans: Cat! 4. Att. 2,000 Second division south

Northampton 25 Harlequins 6 Northampton: Tries: Seew 2, Dentace, Pourtiery, Corn. Greyson, Pent. Garyson, Harlequint: Pents Set, 25th 2, 4th 5 870, Ruchmond 22 Gloucester 25 Richmond: Tries: Bateman, Culmbert, C Dunnell, Const. A Davies 2: Fent. A Davies Gloucester: Tries: Maperich 2: P. Sarra-Ardre Const. Maperich 2: Pens. Mapierah 2: Att T,054

39 Bedford Sale: Tries: Moore 2. Bern: Machacek Yacs: Cons: Howarth 4. Pens: Howarth 2. Bedford: Tries: Howard, O'Manony, Con-Howard, Pens: Howard 3. Am 2,100 West Hartlepool 20 London Irish 44 West Heritepook Tries: \$ 1.0tm 2 Const Belgan 2 Pers: V e 2 Lordon Instit Tries; Belgan, C Shea, Rachards Verter, Woods Const Woods & Pers: Vroots 2 Att 0.000

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55 Fylde Bristol: Tries: Marsden 3. A Adams, Brownugg, Al Charton, Dewdrey, Evans, Hull Const Hull 5 Pytder Triest Preston, Wappert Const Barclay, Tamer 21 Waterioo . 15

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Rotherham: Tries: Austin 2. Bucza. Cons: Trevella 2. Pens: Trevella 3 Exeter: Tries: Ahrs, Turner Cons: Easson 2 Pen: Easson Wakefield 22 Worcester 48

## Premiership First division

Hawick 18 Glasgow Hawks 25 Hawick: Tries: D Landels, Reid Pens: Murde 2, Sharp, Glesgow Hawks: Tries: Hawies 2, Marthewson Const; Martin 2, Pens: Martin 2 Henots FP 44 Jed-Forest

West of Scotland: Tries: R Craig. McEchney, Pope, Snertdan Con: Curtis. Pens: Curtic 3 Watsonians, Tries: Ol Hollo.

Second division

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Blair 2 Pen: Blair.
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Museelburgh: Tries: D Archibald, Goerge
Jameson, C Livingstone, N McCraaken,
Stewart. Cons: C Livingstone 2 Pene: C
Livingstone 2 Dropped goal: C Livingstone, Kilmannock: Tries: S Pratt, Wright.
Con: Stewart Pen: Stewart

Ayr 37 Glenrothes
Ayr: Tries: Louden 2, Ferguson, D Jessop,
Weish Cons. C Murdoch 3 Pens: C
Murdoch 2
Berwick 22 Gordonlans 10

Stewarts Mel FP: Tries: Fyth, F Policick. Con: F Policick. Psebtesses: Cumming, Keen. Con: Rutherford. P Rutherford.

## RUGBY UNION

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Melrose: Try: Thom Pen: Morris, Currie; Tries: Craig, Reed. Cons: Donaldson 2 Pen: Donaldson West of Scotland 31 Watsonians 45

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Third division

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BADMINTON MEN: Saturday: India bt Maldives 5-0: New Zealand bt Ghane 5-0, Australia bt Fit 5-0, England bt Trinidad and Tobargo 5-0: Scotland bt Boswena 5-0, South Africa bt Mauritus 4-1 Pool A: Northern Ireland bt Jamaca 4-1. Melaysia bt Canada 5-0 Pool B: India bt Scotland 5-0 Pool C: England bt Australia 5-0 Eron names first: D Half bt Serehaud 15-1. 15-7, M Constelle bt M Hocking 15-13, 15-3; S Archer amd C Hurt bt P Blackburn and D Barniord 8-15, 15-11, 15-10: J Robertson bt M bi P Blackburn and D Barnford 8-15, 15-11, 15-10; J Robertson and N Robertson bi M Horking and M Nichols 15-2, 15-10, Australia bi Canada 3-2; Pool D: England bi South Alinca 5-0 (England names 18-1), J Mann bi L Fourto 11-3, 11-3; T Hellam bi M Edwards 11-2, 11-3; R Panitaney bit M Ric Harsen 11-9, 11-1; Santey and J Davis bit M Heale and Edwards 15-1, 15-7; D Kellogg and Hallam bi Foune and Hansen 15-3, 15-3, New Zealand bit South Alinca 5-0 Yesterday, Droup B: Sh Lanka 5 Botswand 0. Group C: Walks 5 Trindad and Tobago 0. Group D: Burner 5 Chans 0. Medat round: England 4 New Zealand 1; Majaysra 4 India 1,

WOMEN: Saturday: Pool A: Mauntius bi Trinidad and Tobago 4-1; Malaysia bit New Zealand 3-2 Pool B; India bit Scotland 4-1 (India names tirst A Popel bit A Gibson 13-Coaland 3-2 Pool B: India bi Scottand 4-1 (India names tim? A Popal bi A Gibson 13-11, 11-9 N Choulaby bi M Gilkin 7-11, 11-8, 11-9 M Kanwar bi E Middlemiss 11-6, 11-1 M Bahil and P Laistimu bi K McEwen and A Blanchflower 15-1, 15-6 M Kanwar and A Dechar lost to 5 Watt and E Middlemiss 10-15, 4-15), Sh Lankabi Walas bi G Shad bi G Shome 6-11, 11-6 11-0, D Dharmasena bi N Groves-Burko 11-6, 11-2 O De Shad bi N Groves-Burko 11-6, 11-2 O De Shad and D Dharmasena lost to G Osborne and K Howell 0-15, 5-15 R Chandrika and I de

Silva bt N Groves-Burke and R Asworth 8-15, 15-5, 15-7) Pool D: Jameica 5 Fiji 0 Yesterday: Group C: Jersey 5 Samoia 0. Medal round: England 3 Matevs-a 2; India 4 Australia 1.

## **BOWLS**

MEN: Saturday: Singles: J Price (Wales) bt W Wood (Soot) 25-24; K Jones (Can) bt R Brussey (N2) 25-23; S Mohamad AU (Mas) bt C Richardson (Botswaria) 25-22; G Baker (SA) bt D Cahlz (Marin) 25-13; A Kayesa (Zam) bt P Haji Matras (Bru) 25-21; S J Glesson (Aus) bt C Warnbugu (Ken) 25-8, R Garden (Zam) bt L Re (Papus New Guinea) 25-21, J Henry (N Iret bt T Roken (Sam) 25-39; N Molet (Guer) bt C Turagabed (Fili) 25-19; N Molet (Suer) bt C Turagabed (Fili) 26-19; N Molet (Guer) bt C Turagabed (Fili) 26-19; N Molet (Guer) bt C Turagabed (Fili) 26-19; N Molet (Bura) and S Maynard (Zam) 20-15; W Thomas and R Wale (Wales) bt M Seetio and A Barakehen (Papus New Gunea) 23-12, B Baldwin and K McNish (N2) bt J Caliz and P Opperman (Nam) 15-14; M Nac Maswadi and M Tazman Tahir (Mas) bt L Tolepaealii and L Olopoto (Sam) 27-18. N Graham and S Allen (Nire) bt B Baldwin and K McNish (N2) 43-3; M A Maswadi and M T Tahir (Mas) bt J Caliz and P Opperman (Nam) 15 J Caliz and P Opperman (Nam) 29-10. W Thomas and R Weale (Wales) bt N



drew A Gifham and G Coile (Kon) 19-19, D Gourlay and A Marshalt Scot) bit Truster and D Akarutu (Col.) 39-13. J Ottaway and D Cutter (Engl bit AM Gifham and G B Coile (Ken) 26-10. B Duprez and M Jacobsen (Aust bit A Thomas and D Thompson (Switz) 29-8; T Fracer and A Marshali (SAI) bit P P Thaoperd and A Furnar (Fili) 28-8. WOMEN: Saturday: Fours: Section A: England (M Jacklin, S Page, C Anton, N Sham) bit Gouerney (J Martel, J Furnigan, 3 Cave, S Paul) 25-14. Scotland (J Miller, L Dickson, 6 Forsythe, S Goulay) bit Namiba 18-17; Northern Ireland IA Crangle, G Law, D McNally, P Homen bit Canada 28-8, Fili bit Botswara 19-17 Section 8: New Zesland bit Western Samoa 31-12, Wates (S C Peers, 5 Mansbridge, G Miles, E Morgan) bit Malasya 19-13. Swazaland bit Norfolk

## COMMONWEALTH GAMES Islands 24-9: Cook Islands bt Papus New Guines 20-16. Swaziland bt Papus New Guines 20-16 Pains: Section A: A Sutherland and R Jones (Waters bi J Peyne and M Castle (N2) 18-14. SH At and BC Mer Mass bi D I Newton and L B Thotaura (Fit) 19-17: M Letham and J Lindores (Scot) bt B M Meli and H K Lupa (Zarh) 22-15. K Hawas and M Price (Eng) bt S KaruAi and B Bable (Kar) 21-17. P Turbon and E Sanchez (Ni) bt E Trebert and A Morrien (Gueri 20-19.

BOXING SATURDAY: Selected: 54kg: L. Patilison (Engl. bt C. Antoniou 1 (Cyprus) 14-5. C. Dochenty, (Sout) bit N. Oyury, (Ken) w/o 57kg: A Abo. (Sout) bit M. Di Kalu (Ken) 10-8. SBell (Engl. bt S. Charry (Kan) 14-8. K. Adam (Ug) bi W. Connors (Weles) rsc 3rd 60kg: E. Makearra (SA) bit A MacPela (Sout) rsc 4th. 63.5kg: N. Wright (Engl. bt A Nans (Mas) 15-5 67kg: D. Walker (Engl. bi R. A Rashid (Pak) 18-14 YESTERDAY: Selected: 51kg: J. Hegney (Engl. bi H. Antonio (Mas) 18-13. L. Curningham (N ley) bi D. Hyde (Weles) 9-5 54kg: C. Musonda (Zim) bit C. Nash (N ley) 19-17; J. Velka (Nami bit C. Otash (N ley) 19-17; J. Velka (Nami bit C. Otash (N ley) 19-17; J. Velka (Nami bit C. Otash (N ley) 19-17; J. Velka (Nami bit C. Otash (N ley) 19-17; J. Velka (Nami bit C. Otash (N ley) 19-17; J. Velka (Nami bit C. Otash (N ley) 19-17; J. Velka (Nami bit C. Otash (N ley) 19-17; J. Velka (Nami bit C. Otash (N ley) 19-17; J. Velka (Nami bit C. Otash (N ley) 19-17; J. Velka (Nami bit C. Otash (N ley) 19-17; J. Velka (Nami bit C. Otash (N ley) 19-17; J. Velka (Nami bit C. Otash (N ley) 19-17; J. Velka (Nami bit C. Otash (N ley) 19-17; J. Velka (Nami bit C. Otash (N ley) 19-17; J. Velka (Nami bit C. Otash (N ley) 19-17; J. Velka (Nami bit C. Otash (N ley) 19-17; J. Velka (Nami bit C. Otash (N ley) 19-17; J. Velka (Nami bit C. Otash (N ley) 19-17; J. Velka (Nami bit C. Otash (N ley) 19-17; J. Velka (Nami bit C. Otash (N ley) 19-17; J. Velka (Nami bit C. Otash (N ley) 19-17; J. Velka (Nami bit C. Otash (N ley) 19-17; J. Velka (Nami bit C. Otash (N ley) 19-17; J. Velka (Nami bit C. Otash (N ley) 19-17; J. Velka (Nami bit C. Otash (N ley) 19-17; J. Velka (Nami bit C. Otash (N ley) 19-17; J. Velka (Nami bit C. Otash (N ley) 19-17; J. Velka (Nami bit C. Otash (N ley) 19-17; J. Velka (Nami bit C. Otash (N ley) 19-17; J. Velka (Nami bit C. Otash (N ley) 19-17; J. Velka (Nami bit C. Otash (N ley) 19-17; J. Velka (Nami bit C. Otash (N ley) 19-17; J. Velka (Nami bit C. Otash (N ley) 19-18; J. Velka (Nami bit C. Otash (N ley) 19-18; J. Velka (Nami bit

## CRICKET

SATURDAY: Group A: Zimbabwe 309-9 (50 overs), Melaysa 88-9 (35.5); Zimbabwe 1081 Malaysa by 221 nms Group B: Antiqua 9 all out. Australia 101-3 Australia beat Antiqua by saven wickels Group D: Pakistan 189-8, Kenya 60 Palustan beat Antiqua by 100 news Kenya by 139 runs

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## CYCLING

**GYMNASTICS** MEN: Saturday: Team artistic: 1, England 162.275pts: 2, Australio 162.150; 3, Carioda 155.825; 7, Wales 145.075; 8, Scotland 143.675

## HOCKEY

MEN: Saturday: Group A: South Africa 1
Inde 2: Trinaded and Tobago 0: Australia 7
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Metaysia 1: Palestan 1; England 3: Nerva 1:
WOMEN: Saturday: Group A: Scotland 5:
Jamaica 1; Australia 11 Malaysia 0: Inde 7
Trinided and Tobago 1: Group B: Canada 2:
Wales 2: South Africa 1: England 1
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Canada 0

## RUGBY

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YESTERIDAY: Group A: New Zeeland 41
Tonga 12; Tonga 38 Bahamas 0; New
Zeeland 91 Bahamas 0. Group B: Fiy 63
Malaysa 5; Malaysia 18 Kenya 5; Fin 71
Kenya 0. Group C: Australia 59 Pepua New
Gurnea 14; Papua New Gurnea 47 Sri Lanka 0; Australia 70 Sri Lanka 5; Group D: South
Alnca 38 Cook Islands 0; Cook Islands 50
Swezikard 19; South Alnca 79 Swezikand 0.
Group E: Samoa 19 England 12; Samoa 85
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Wales 7; Wales 62 Cayman Islands 0; Canada 47 Cayman Islands 0.

Waprick (SAI bi 6 Davis (Aus) 1-9, 9-4, 9-4, 9-4, 9-4, R Eyles (Aus) bi D Palmer (Aus) 10-9, 7-9, 9-2, 9-7, A Gough (Wales) bi K Low (Maleysia) 9-6, 9-1, 3-8, 9-7

(Malaysia) 9-6, 9-1, 3-9, 9-7

WOMEN: Saturday: First round: Selected: SFiz-Gerald (Aus) bit A Goodridge (Bar) 8-0, 9-0, 9-0, S Homer (Eng) bit H. Wallace (Can) 8-1, 8-1, 9-0, C. Jeckman (Eng) bit V. Evelyn (Bar) 9-0, 9-0, 9-0, 1-5 bit Lynn (Mas) bit M Pany N Ire) 9-0, 5-9, 7-9, 9-5, 9-5 Macfie (Scot) bit S Wit (Mas) 9-6, 9-1, 8-2 L. Ope (Such bit J Griffiths (Guy) 9-0, 9-1, 9-0, 5 With (Eng) bit N Guy (Papua New Guinea) 9-4, 9-1, 9-1, L Charman (Eng) bit C Waddeli (Scot) 9-2, 9-7, 9-0, Yesterday: Second round: M Martin (Aus) bit R Cooper (Aus) 9-3, 10-9, 9-3. S Homer (Eng) bit C Venter (SA) 8-2, 9-2, 9-5. S Fitz-Gezial (Aus) bit N Granger (SA) 9-6, 9-0, C Owens: Aus) bit L Siu Lynn (Malaysia) 9-2, 9-2, 9-4. C Jackman (Eng) bit C Nitch (SA) 7-9, 9-1, 9-4, 6-9, 10-8, 3 Wingfut (Eng) bit C Nitch (SA) 7-9, 9-1, 9-4, 6-9, 10-8, 3 Wingfut (Eng) bit C Nitch (SA) 7-9, 9-1, 9-4, 6-9, 10-8, 3 Wingfut (Eng) bit C Nitch (Sa) 7-9, 9-1, 9-1, 9-2, 9-5, L Lioyce (NL) bit S Macfie (Scot) 9-3, 5-9, 9-2, 9-5, L Charman (Eng) bit N David (Malaysia) 9-9, 9-6, 9-0

1 49 36. 6, R Neethling (SA-50 17; 7, M Johnston (Can) 1 50.59; 8, Jayton (Eng) 151.04 B finel: 1, G Mows (Eng) 149.60; 2, J Salter (Eng) 1,84, 3, R Say (Can) 1,52 42; 4, M McWhiban) 1,54 32; 5, S Ju We (Sing) 1 54 82; 0 Laith (Scot) 1,55 07; 7, L Biggs (Papulaw Gurrea) 1,55.16; 6, M Chay (Sing) 3,21

FRIDAY'B LATE RESULT: for 11 Lein-

\*\*YESTERDAY: Group A: New Zeeland 41 fonys 12: Tongs 38 Behames 0; New Zesland 91 Behames 0. Group B: Priv 85 Malaysia 18 Kenys 18: Fin 71 Keny 0. Group C: Australia 59 Feptian New Guresa) 1, 29.0 e. S. Homer English H: Wallador Reny 18: Fin 71 Keny 0. Group C: Australia 59 Feptian New Guresa 14; 20 pas New Guresa 14; 20 pas New Guresa 17 Sri Larke 6; Constraints 10; Constraints 50 Group D: South 50 Group D: South 50 Group D: South 50 Group D: South 60 Group C: Australia 50; Constraints 10; Constraints 19; South 18: Sout

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#### House of Lords

## Firm can be person discriminated against

Kelly v Northern Ireland Housing Executive Loughrany Same

Before Lordslynn of Hadley, Lord Griffiths, Urd Lloyd of Berwick. Lord Steyn and Lord Clyde [Speeches July 29]

Provisions thich made it unlawful for an exployer in Northern Ireland to iscriminate against a person by refusing to offer that person empoyment because of his religious bliefs ur political opin-ions, were apable of applying to the appointment of a firm to carry out work & one designated partner of the Im.

However the refusal to appoint a person tho was already pro-fessionally qualified to a panel which carried out prestigious pro-fessional wirk did not amount to a refusal to onler a qualification.

The House of Lords so ruled by a majority, ford Lloyd and Lord Clyde disspiting, in two conjuined appeals Irm decisions dated May 22, 1997 of the Court of Appeal of Northern Ireland (Sir Robert Carswell, Jord Chief Justice, Lord Justice McOllum (1997) NI 125 who dispissed an appeal by Bernadett Kelly and allowed an appeal byOliver Loughran from decisions I the Fair Employment Tribunal & April 18, 1996 rejecting claims mide by them that the Northern Iteland Housing Evecutive discripinated against them on the grounds of their religious or notitical opiions when it failed to put them on a short list for appointmento a panel ul solicitors whom the lousing executive engaged to cirry out certain legal work in theorea. Their Lordships allowed Ms Kelly's appeal and dismissed to housing executive's

Section II of the Fair Employment | Nortern Irelands Act 1976

"It shall be unlawful for an employer toliscriminate against a person, in rianon to employment in Northernireland (a) where that rson is seking employment (i) in the arrangements the employer makes for the purpose of determin-ing who shald be offered employ-

ment. or ii) by refusing or deliberatelypmitting to offer that person employment for which he applies or iii) in the terms on which he offrs him employment. Section 2 provides: "It shall be unlawful le a person who has onfer on another a qualification which is needed for, or facilitate, his engagement in employmentin any capacity, or in

particula employment of occupation i Northern Ireland to discriminate against him (a) by refusing or cliberately omitting to confer that ealification on him on his application, or [b] in the terms on which the person is prepared to confer it, ode) by withdrawing it from him olvarying the terms on

Section 51defines "employer" to

employed under ... a contract personally to execute any work nr labour, the person entitled to the

Mr John Gillen, QC and Mr Seamus Treacy, of the Northern Ireland Bar, lor Mrs Kelly and Mr Loughran; Mr Michael Long and Mr Dermot Fee, of the Northern Ireland Bar, for the housing

LORD SLYNN said that the appeals raised important questions as to the application of sections 17 and 23 of the 1976 Act.

At all relevant times Mr Loughran practised in Omagh. Cu Tyrone, as Oliver M. Loughran & Co. That was not a pertuership. He was the sole proprietor and principal although he employed one assistant solicitor.

Mrs Kelly, also a solicitu practised in partnership with Mr Hugh Finnegan as "John Hoy Son & Murphy" in Dungamion, Co.

The Northern Ireland Hnusin Executive was a non-departmental body set up by statute as the housing authority for Northern treland.

It had its own legal department but in addition, since 1980, it had engaged soliciturs in private practice to defend public liability claims against it. Solicitors so appointed constituted members of a panel to do such work for a particular area in Northern

The method of appointing volicities so in act had varied from time 10 fine. In 1988, however, it was decided that panel members should be appointed for three years and at the end of each appointment there should be an open competition.

In November 1990 all firms of solicitors in Northern Ireland were notified that three-year appoint-ments were to be made and applications were invited. In May 1994 all firms of solic-

itors in Northern Ireland were again invited to apply for a new three-year period of appointment. Nine firms applied including John Hoy Son & Murphy and Oliver M. Loughran & Cn.

When they were not appointed, Mrs Kelly and Mr Loughran applied to the Fair Employment Tribunal constituted under the Fair Employment (Northern Inland Act 1989, both contending that they believed that they had appropriate qualifications experience for the work and that they had been discriminated nst on the grounds of religious against on the grounds of religious belief and/or political opinion contrary to sections 17 and 23 of the 1976 AcL

The housing executive denied that there was any such discrimination but it took the points that the tribunal had no jurisdiction since the 1976 Act did not apply in that (i) the applicants had not sought employment under a contract personally to execute any work or labour and (ii) that a

refusal or omission to appoint to a panel was not a refusal or omis-sion to conter a qualification.

The tribunal dealt with those points as preliminary issues and rejected the applications on the grounds that neither Mrs Kelly nor Mr Loughran had shown that the housing executive was an employer under section 17; nor was executive refusing to confer a qualification on them under sec-

The Court of Appeal of Northern Ireland agreed with the tribunal that no claim could be made under section 23, and that Mrs Kelly, as a partner in her firm, could not pursue her claim since she was not seeking to be employed under a contract personally to execute work. Her appeal was dismissed.

But they held that Mr Loughran. as sole principal and proprietor could claim that he was seeking to be employed. His appeal was accordingly allowed.

In considering the issues raised on the appeal it was to be noted that the lener giving notice of the intention to appoint panels stipulated that the principal or one of the principals in the firm should have been in practice on his or her own account for three years and that the solicitor(s) who would actually carry out the panel work had at least three years post

qualification experience. The firm was tuld that it must designate one or two solicitors who would be mainly responsible for carrying out the panel work,

Mr Loughran and Mrs Kelly were designated for their respective firms and as the partner who would accept overall responsibility for the service to be provided to the housing executive.

His Lordship said that having considered the arguments of coun-sel and the need in deal with the problems of religious and political iscrimination in Northern Inland and the objects of the legislalion, there was no doubt that the Court of Appeal was right respect of Mr Loughran.

The definition of employment was clearly wide enough to cover the provision of services by a professional man, as was held in Mirror Group Newspapers Ltd 1 Gunning [[1986] | WLR 546].

Whatever he called himself he was the individual seeking employment in the sense of some one offering to enter into a contract personally to execute any work or labour.

He was the person undertaking to do the work and he would be liable for any breach of contract that was made. He was the person who would mainly in fact carry out the work even if he was entitled to delegate some part of it to his

Plainly it did not cease to be a contract personally to execute any work because his secretary typed and posted the housing executive's defence to any claim or that his assistant solicitor went along to file

o the assignce.

not inquire as to the adequacy

consideration, was not applicable

since the doctrine of consideration

had been developed by the common law, whereas the concept of a

"purchaser for value" was based on equity which looked at the

ibstance and not at the form.

context of an intra-group tran the substance of a payment of £1 did not render o transferee a

"purchaser for value".

supported his view.

Therefore, particularly in the

His Lordship considered that the payment of El was "nominal

consideration", as that expression was used by Lord Wilberforce in Midland Bank Trust Co Ltd v Green [1981] AC 513, 532) which

However, the argument that the liability assumed by the assignee and the indemnity given to the assignor by the assignee in respect of all the tenant's obligations under the lease in the 1995 transfer

was sufficient consideration to

for value was a good one.

inder the assignee a purchaser

Johnsey Estates Ltd v Lewis and

Manley (Engineering) Ltd ((1987) 54 P & CR 296, 301) provided

indirect support for the conclusion that on express obligation on the assignee, in favour of the assignor to pay the rent and observe the

covenants on the lease, coupled

covenants on the tease couper with an express indemnity from the assignee in favour of the assigner in relation to the assignor's liability under the lease did constitute "value" for the

Since drafting the judgment his Lordship's attention had been drawn to Harris v Tubb (1889) 42 Ch D 79) a decision of Mr Justice

textbook, who applied the reason-ing of the Court of Appeal in Price v

Jenkins ((1877) 5 Ch D 619) as a

result of which he held that an assignment of a lease even without

an express covenant or indemnity

by the assignee in favour of the assigner rendered the assignee a

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such a defence. The dominant purpose was that he would do the

ntial nort of the work. Mrs Kelly's case raised dillerent issues. The first was whether there could ever be discrimination against a firm seeking employment in the sense of seeking make a contract personally to execute any work or labour.

Two constructions were advanced: first, that "personally neam individually by a natural person, or second, that if the interpretation Act 1978 was given effect "personally" could include activity undertaken by a firm. The housing executive contended for the former and Mrs Kelly for the

His Lurdship had come to the conclusion that the second interpretation was the correct one. Starting with the provision of the 1978 Act that "unless the contrary intention appears "person" in-cludes a body of persons unincorporate, his Lordship did not think that any such contrary intention was to be deduced from

The intention ul the statute seemed to be in layour of the wider definition for two reasons in

particular: First the intention of the 1976 Act was clearly to outlaw discrimination on the grounds of religious or political opinion in the employment sphere.

It would be wrong to ignore the object and purpose ul the Act as seen in the long title, "An Act to establish an agency with the duties of promoting equality of opportunity in employments and occupa-tions in Northern Ireland between people of different religious beliefs and all working for the climination of discrimination..." and in Part 111, "Acts of unlawful

discrimination". It was factually possible to discriminate against the partners of a firm or against the firm itself as it was against a sole practitioner. Prima facie one would expect the Act to outlaw both. Second, the 1976 Act clearly and

deliberately adopted a wide definition of employment so as to include a contract to provide services and a firm could provide If the definition had included

only "workman" or "artificer" or "a contract of service" the position might well be different, but with the extended definition of employment a contract by a firm to provide services was capable of being a contract "personally to execute any work or labour". In his Lordship's view there was

such a contract here. The contract was for the firm itself, personally to execute work. The firm as such would be legally responsible for the doing of the work and would be liable for breach of the contract.

The firm which contracted and was legally responsible consisted of all the partners but clearly all the partners did not have to do oll the work. It was sufficient that one

or more of the pariners was intended to and did execute the work subject to delegation of some activities by the firm in the same way as a sole practitioner did.

What was required was that the dominant purpose of the contract was that the first undertook to do and by one of its partners was responsible for, and did the work underraken in he done

The other construction failed tu give effect to the plain intention in ils context of the 1976 Act. When an action was brought un a contract made by firm all the partners would normally be made

parties to the proceedings. In Mrs Kelly's case the court was not concerned with enforcing a contract but with a complaint of discrimination made by Mrs Kelly who gave her address as the firm's

Although the complaint could have been made, and perhaps would have been better made in the name of the firm or of both the partners, under the 1976 Act it was upen to one partner in the firm to nplain that she, as a partner in the firm, as well as the firm itsell. was subjected to discrimination when the firm was refused

That was particularly so in the present case where the firm's application was based entirely on her experience and her acceptance f responsibility for the service to he provided.

and in so far as there was discrimination against the tirm or its constituent pariners, there was discrimination against her of which she could individually complain under the statutory provisions.

She was not prevented from complaining of discrimination under the 1976 Act by rules applying to the enforcement of contracts. Therefore the tribunal had jurisdiction to hear Mrs Kelly's appeal under section 17.

As to whether Mr Loughran and Mrs Kelly were discriminated under section 23 of the 1976 Act relating to the conferring ul a qualification, his Lordship was sabsfied that "qualification" as defined did not cover the appointment of a duly qualified professional man to carry our remunerated work on behalf of a client, however prestigious the

If it were otherwise, the appoint-ment of a City firm of solicitors by a large United Kingdom company or a multi-national would amount to the grant of a qualification just as it would to the appointment of a firm by a non-governmental public

Lord Griffiths delivered a concurring speech and Lord Sleyn agreed with the speech of Lord

Lord Lloyd and Lord Clyde delivered dissenting speeches. Solkitors: Sinead Eastwood: Sharpe Pritchard & Co for Paul

## When holder of bill of lading becomes liable

Borealis AB v Stargas Ltd and Others Belore Lord Justice Millett, Lord Justice Schiemann and Sir Brian

Budement July 301 On a true construction of section 3 of the Carriage of Goods by Sea Act 1992, the holder of a hill of lading became liable under the contract of carriage if he took any of the steps mentioned in section 3thial, (b) or (c). But, unless and until he took actual delivery ul the goods, he remained liable only onless and until he endorsed the hill to someone who also fulfilled the conditions of liability.

The Court of Appeal so held by a majorny. Sir Brian Neill dissening in a reserved judgment, allow-ing an appeal by the second delendant shippers. Saudi Arabian Oil Co. from the order of Mr Justice Waller un November 19. 1906 [[1417] 1 Lioyd's Rep 635; and (Note) [1997] Lloyd's Rep 042] whereby, in proceedings relating to a corrosive propune cargo, he dismissed Saudi Arahian Oil's application to set aside the order of Mr Justice Clarke graming leave to the plaintiffs. Borealis AB. under Order II, rule Ithie) of the Rules of the Supreme Court in issue a concurrent writ on Saudi Arabian Oil out of the jurisdiction. By the writ Borealis claimed an indemnity against Saudi Arahian Dil for any liability Borealis might

hare to shipou ners, Bergesen DY, as holders of bills of lading who, within section 3(the) of the 1991 Act, had demanded delivery of samples of the cargo for testing before rejecting the cargo and

Saudi Arabian Oil submitted that the appeal should be allowed because Bergesen's claim against Borealis was bound to fail as Borealis's liability as holders of the bills of lading under the contract of carriage ceased once they had endorsed the bills to the new purchaser of the cargo. Section 2 of the Carriage of

Goods by Sea Act 1992 provides: III Subject to the following provisions of this section, a person who becomes — (a) the lawful holder of a bill of lading shall (by virtue of becoming the holder of the bill... have transferred to and vested in him all rights of suit under the contract of carriage as if he had been a party to that contract.

Section 3 provides: "[1] Where subsection (I) of section 2 of this Act operates in relation to any docu-ment to which this Act applies and the person in whom rights are vested by virtue of that subsection - (a) takes or demands delivery from the carrier of any of the goods to which the document relates; (b) makes a claim under the contract of carriage against the carrier In respect of any of those goods; or (c)

is a person who, at a time before those rights were vested in him, took or demanded delivery from the carrier of any of those goods, that person shall (by virtue of taking or demanding delivery or muking the claim or, in a case falling within paragraph (e) above. nl having the rights vested in him! become subject to the same liabilunder that contract as if he

had been a party to that "[3] This section, so far as it imposes liabilities onder any contract on any person, shall be without prejudice to the liabilities under the contract of any person as an original party to that contract.

Mr Jonathan Gaisman, QC and Mr Stephen Kenny lor Saudi Arabian Oil: Mr Andrew Popplewell, QC, lor Borealis: Mr Iain Milligan, QC and Mr Simun Ryemdal for Bergesen.

SIR BRIAN NEILL said that apart from the argoment on the 1942 Act, which was not before Mr Justice Waller, there were no grounds on which to interfere with the judge's exercise of his discretion, there being no error of

His Lordship considered the effect of section 3 of the 1902 Act and held, dissenting, that the liabilities of the holder of a bill of lading did not cease on the subsequent transfer of the bill.

LORD JUSTICE MILLETT said that he agreed save as to the true construction of section 3.

The question was whether the lawful holder of a hill of lading who had taken one of the steps who had taken one of the steps specified in section 3(1) in relation to any goods and afterwards endursed the hill of lading and transferred the goods to a third party was thereby discharged from liability under the contract of carriage.

That question had not been considered by the Law Commission and the Scottlsh Law Commission 1991 in their reports on Rights of Suit in respect of Carriage of Goods by Sea [Law Com No 196 and Scot Law Com No

They drew no distinction between a claim or demand for delivery of the goods, which might be withdrawn or ahandoned, and actual delivery of the goods which, once taken, was irreversible.

In his Lordship's opinion, inter-mediate holders of a bill of lading remained potentially liable under the contract of carriage, and be-came actually liable if they took any of the steps mentioned in section 3(1).

But unless and until they took actual delivery of the goods their posloon was not irreversible; they might, for example, withdraw the claim or demand and endorse the bill to a third party purchaser instead. If he then demanded or

took delivery of the goods it was appropriate that he should become subject in the liabilities under the

contract of carriage. But there was no good reason why his liability should be addi-tional to instead of in substitution funai in instead of in substitution for the liability of the previous holder of the bill: or why the latter should remain liable merely because he made a claim or demand which he had since withtraner.

The Law Commissions did not recommend the reversal of the decision in Smarthwaite v Wilkins ((1862) II CB(NS) \$42) and it was no part of the purpose of the 1992 Act to do so.

The reports of the Law Commissions and the structure of the 1992 Act showed that paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of section 3(1) were intended to limit the class of persons subject to liability under the contract of

carriage, not to extend it. formerly limited to holders of the bill of lading who had the property in the goods, the class was now limited to holders of the bill who not steps to enforce rights under the contract of carriage. But the class never included intermediate, diat was to say previous, holders of the bill, it ho dropped

out when a later holder took A holder of a bill who was entided to the contractual rights under the contract of carriage, and who fulfilled the additional conditions for liability, did not become irrevocably liable under the contract of carriage, but was in the same position as a holder for the time being of the bill was under the Bills ul Lading Act 1855 [18 & 19 Vic ellli, that is, liable unless and until he endorsed the bill to someone tho also fulfilled the conditions

The divestment of liability op-erated automatically, Section 3(1) imposed liability only upon those holders of the bill who had contractual rights vested in them by virtue of section 211].

Save in the case of the original consignor, such rights were vested by transfer from the previous holder, who did not retain the rights which he was taken to have transferred (confirmed by section

After endorsement of the bill, the endorser no longer qualified as a person in whom the liabilities were vested by the opening words of section 3(i). The fact that he did so previously and at a time when he satisfied the further conditions of liability specified in section 3(1) subjected him to Hability but only until he transferred the rights to a new holder.

Lord Justice Schiemann agree with Lord Justice Millett as to the construction of section 3(II. Solicitors: Richards Butler: Her-bert Smith: Middleton Pous.

## Landlord not entitled as against assignee

D. B. Rausden and Co Ltd v Nurdin & Peacock plc and

Another Before Mr ustice Neuberger Budgment ply [7]

An assigne who had agreed to assume privary liability under the indennity he assignor against any liability and who had no knowledge of the existence of a claim by the landlord to rectify the lease, was hereby constituted a bona fide purchaser for value without note, so that the landlord would not be enoded to rectification as against the assignee on that

However since a right to rectify appeared the a right within the ambit of setion 70(1)(g) of the Land Registrand Act 1925, then the assignee build be bound by it provided the landlord had a valid dain for build-serious claim for cuffication.

Mr Juste Neuberger so held in a reserved udgment in the Chan-cery Divison when refusing a claim by the landlard, D. B. Ramsden and Co Ltd. for rectificae rent of commercial premises in the ground that it had not discharged the burden of proof to justify he claim.

Mr Edvard Nugee, QC and Mr Patrick H Walker for the plaintiff landlord: Mr Jonathan Brock, QC and Mr Jexander Hill-Smith for the defendant assignee.

MR ISTICE NEUBERGER said that he case involved a claim by a landord to recond the pro-vision realing to rem in a lease. It was brother against the original tenant and the current tenant, to whom the lease was assigned by

the original tenant.

His Lodship detailed the relevant provisions of the lease dated November 21, 1990 which, interalia, state that the review period meant ean five-year period start-ing on evry fifth anniversary of the term the lease and that the yearly ret from the commence ment date until the first review date, Novinber 7, 1995, should be

Clause of the lease contained £207,683. Clause lot the lease contained tenant's cremants, inter alia. "(a) to pay the reserved rents at the times and harner aforesaid without any deuction or set-off... (b) to pay... Ill existing and future rates... teether with the sum of 150, 338 in sech of years four and E59,338 in ach of years four and

five of the rm.
The assinee acquired shares in the original assignor pursuant to a share purhase agreement which contained etails of the properties which recided the current real of the premiss as £267,430 a year. The assimment was executed on , lune 1, 995 resulting in the

issignee ecoming the registered proprietoof the lease at the Land Registry d June 15, 1995. he 1995 transfer the ssignee prenanted with the asignor the it would "at all times troughor the residue of the term ay the ents reserved and bserve an perform the covenants nd condions and other obligaons on he part of the tenant in the lease.

The assignce also agreed to indemnify and keep the [tenant] fully indemnified against all ... losses . . . and expenses which may special meaning: see Megarry 8 be suffered by the Itenant in

respect of any breach or lailure in observe and perform those covenants." Until the early part of 1997 the assignee continued to pay the landlord at the rate of £267,021 a year as prescribed by the lease without either party raising with the other any question in connection with the rent review due with effect from November 17, 1995 and in particular the rent payable with effect from that date under the

By a writ issued on June 12, 1997 the assignee sought a declaration to the effect that, as a tenant under the lease, it was liable to pay rent at the rate of £207,683 a year with effect from November 17, 1995; it also sought repayment of the sums overpaid on the assumption that

that construction was correct. The landlord, at least on the pleadings, disputed the issue of construction and sought in the alternative rectification of the lease so that the annual rent with effect from November 17, 1995 was

The landlord now accepted that the provisions of clause 2(b) effectively fell away of the end of the fifth year of the term, that the payments thereunder were plainly ool "rent" under the lease and that "the rent previously payable" in paragraph 2(b) was £207,583.

On the issue as to whether the landlord was enouled to rectificarion of the lease so that the rent from November 17, 1995 was F267,021 a year, the assignee claimed to be a bona fide purchaser for value of the lease without notice of ony claim by the landlord to rectify the lease so that even if the landlord had any such claim it could not bind the

The landlord argued that first. the assignee was not a bona fide purchaser for value without notice: second, that even if it was such a purchaser it took the lease subject to any claim by the landlord for recofication by virtue of the prorisions of section 70(1)(g) of the Land Registration Act 1925.

His Lordship did not accept the landlord's argument that the assignee had been put on notice. The point on which the assignee had notice was that the status and effect of the sums payable in the fourth and fifth years under clause 2(b) was uncertain. But the fact that that a document was unclear was not sufficient on its own in constitute notice of the

possibility of a claim for rectification except in an extreme case. As to the fact that the rent under the lease was recorded in the share purchase agreement as £267,021 secined not an unreasonable shorthand way of expressing the amount then receivable by landlurd under the lease. In the context of ordinary language it could be said that the

assignce was not a purchaser but

without notice of the landlord's daim to rectify. that "purchaser" in the expression By virtue of section 23(1)(c) of the "bona fide purchaser for value without notice" had rather a Land Registration Act 1925 the registration of the assignee as proprietor of the lease vested the

Wade on The Law of Real Property (5th edition (1964) pp50, 143, 540). lease in the assignee "subject . . . to the overriding interests . . affect-ing the [leasehold interest]." Unless "purchaser" was given that rather technical meaning it was Under section 70(1)(g) overriding hard to see what the words "for interests included "the rights of every person in actual occupation value" added to the expression. On the question whether the of the land or in receipt of the rents signee was a purchaser for value and profits . . . save where inquiry his Lordship could not see that any

Is made of such person and the rights are not disclosed". part of the of the £21.9 million or Apart from the question of any other obligation under the share purchase agreement could whether the landlord should succeed in its claim to rectify the lease fairly be said to have been paid or assumed by the assignee as consideration for the transfer of the lease at all, the only issue between the parties was whether the landlord's ight to rectify the lease was a within the ambit of section The contention that the payment of. El under the 1995 transler constituted sufficient value to render the assignee a purchaser for value, on the ground that it was well established that the court did

The right of a landlord to rectify a lease was self-evidentally "ca-pable of enduring through dif-ferent ownerships" of the tenant: see National Provincial Bank Ltd v Hastings Car Mart Ltd (1964) 1 Ch 665, 696). In other words, a right to rectify, uolike a contractual licence could

bind successors in title of the original contracting party and therefore appeared to be a right within section 70(1)(g). By the same token the right of a landlord to rectify a lease must be assignable with the reversion: see Boots the Chemists Ltd v Street (1983) 2 EGLR 51, 52).

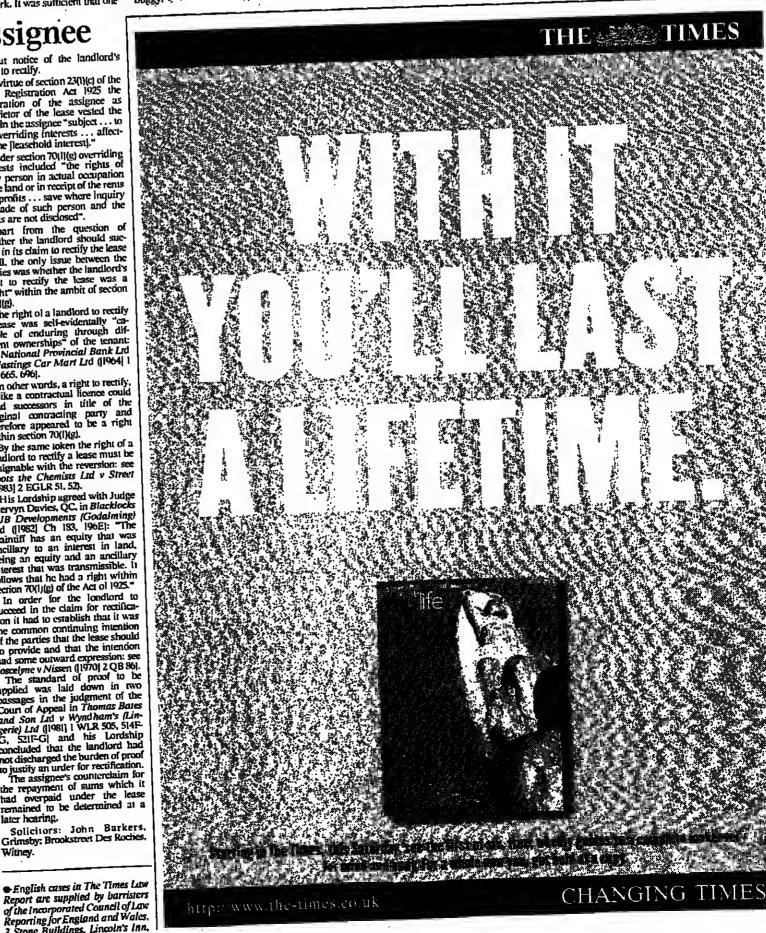
His Lordship agreed with Judge Mervyn Davies, QC, in Blacklocks v JB Developments (Godalming) Ltd ([1982] Ch 183, 196E]: The plaintiff has an equity that was ancillary to an interest in land being an equity and an ancillary interest that was transmissible. It follows that he had a right within section 70(1)(g) of the Act of 1925."

In order for the londlord to succeed in the claim for rectification it had to establish that it was the common continuing micration of the parties that the lease should so provide and that the intencon had some outward expression: see Joscelyne v Nissen (1970) 2 QB 861. The standard of proof to be applied was laid down in two passages in the judgment of the Court of Appeal in Thomas Bates

Court of Appeal in Thomas Boses and Son Let v Wyndham's (Lingerie) Led [1981] I WLR 505, 514F-G, 521F-G] and his Lordship concluded that the landlord had not discharged the burden of proof to justify an urder for recafication. The assignee's counterelaim for the renavment of sums which it the repayment of sums which it had overpaid under the lease remained to be determined at a later hearing. Solicitors: John Barkers.

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Customers are now free to choose their supplier in a long-awaited liberalisation of the power industry, writes David Young

# Electricity on tap from the gasman

rom this morning electricity bills will never be the same again for 750,000 consumers. Instead of coming from their local electricity board, as they always have done, they could arrive from the gas board or the water board.

Consumers in Motherwell could buy their power from Eastern Electricity in Ipswich and customers will be given the freedom of choice in an upheaval of the market first promised when the industry was privatised a decade ago.

Several thousands of consumers have already made inquiries about changing their supplier as the marketing campaigns have been launched over the past months. Sales teams have been explaining how consumers will have been given a meter number by their existing supplier and told of the planned changes.

Exactly how many will change suppliers is difficult to

gauge, but even those who elect to stay with their existing suppliers — and analysts suggest that more than 90 per cent may do so — will inevitably benefit from increased competition in the shape of lower bills and better service.

Experience in the telecommunications market after its liberalisation has shown that a substantial number of consumers are prepared to shop around and switch suppliers — perhaps as many as five percent in the first few weeks. Analysts who have been watching the market suggest that these same people will be the first to switch suppliers, so it is clear that the numbers involved by the end of this year when the electricity deregulation is completed are immense.

The opening up of the gas market has shown that large commercial customers are ready to switch, but domestic customers have been more cautious. In addition fewer players have emerged in the domestic gas market than was anticipated, largely because companies producing gas from the North Sea already have access to large industrial and powergeneration markets in Britain and to the industrial markets of mainland Europe.

in some cases the most successful entrants to the domestic gas market have been the regional electricity companies who now have access 10 a wider range of consumers. It is, therefore, inevitable that the consumer will benefit from the deregulated market, with many attractive offers for combined electricity and gas packages about to come through the letterbox.

The domestic electricity market is more accessible and safeguards for customers have been put in place with the establishment of a Code of Conduct by the Electricity Association, which has also developed the complex metering system which will make sure that customers receive accurate billing. Overall the electricity supply industry has spent £1.2 billion to ensure deregulation goes smoothly.

The first customers to be able to choose are those in Norfolk with NR postcodes in the Norwich area, those in the Chester area with CH postcodes, those in the Hull area with HU postcodes and those in the Motherwell area with ML postcodes.

"These are exciting times," says John Roberts, the president of the Electricity Association. "The UK is leading the way on electricity competition. The world is watching, as many other countries anticipate following our lead into full liberalisation.

"Setting up the infrastructure to allow 26 million customers to change suppliers as and when they wish has been an IT project equivalent to creating the high street banks'



Power players: Regulator Stephen Littlechild, John Battle, Energy Minister, and John Roberts, of the Electricity Association

clearing system from scratch.

The market brings exciting opportunities both for the companies competing in it and for the customers whose business they are trying to win. It is

domestic customers have already enjoyed price reductions of 23 per cent, after allowing for inflation, since 1990. This is due to substantially increased efficiency in power generation and the success of RPI-X regulation. A fully competitive electricity supply market should drive prices down further, but because of the savings already realised, the degree of reductions will be less than when the gas market was fully opened earlier this year.

"Its success should be measured in the creation of a lasting market which, over the longer term, is more effective in delivering better service, greater choice and lower prices to the customer than would be achieved by regulation alone. It will happen because of the continued drive for efficiency and innovation within the existing industry, and among new entrants to

The electricity industry is determined that the market is successful. Customers come

first and it would bewrong to expose them to an idemiliable risk of system errors at market start-up. companies have invested not ar short of El billion on designing, installing and rigorously testing the systems to back to this com-

mitment.
The systems have been thoroughly tester and airn robust, but that is not to claim that there will be 10 teething troubles. If these sould arise companies are preared to act swiftly and decisively to deal with them.

"Companies maketing electricity and gas strices will observe both voluntary and statutory codes to protect customers from unethical practices, and this should enable them to make heir choice with confidence."

# Who will get the top dog's job?

Craig Seton on the government

plan to appoint a super-regulator

he Government is expected soon to name the person scheduled to become the new super-regulator responsible for the gas and electricity industries.

electricity industries.

The all-in-one energy regulator will take over as Director-General of Gas Supply when the present incumbent. Clare Spottiswoode—the head of the industry watchdog Ofgas—leaves in November at the end

of her five year contract.

John Battle, the Energy Minister, has made it clear that whoever succeeds Spottiswoode is likely also to be appointed Director-General of Electricity Supply in due course as the Government is considering legislation to create the single post of energy

regulator, probably next year.
Professor Stephen Littlechild, the Director-General of
Electricity Supply and head of
the watchdog body Offer, has
agreed to leave his post, which
he has held for ten years,
when the new appointment is
made. It is expected that the

new regulator, who gets £120,000 a year, will be Callum McCarthy, a merchant banker. The Government says a single post is necessary because of the rising convergence of the gas and electricity markets, driven by competition, with firms from the two sectors now marketing both fuels. On the face of h the new all-in-one re-

gulator's task looks less onerous than that which faced the

less onerous than Spotti that which faced the separate gas and electricity watchdogs, which have had to oversee their sectors on the difficult road to full competition after privatisation. They have enjoyed differing fortunes since the posts were set up ten years ago.

Spottiswoode has presided over a domestic gas market that was fully deregulated and producing lower bills for consumers - by May. That has been painful for British Gas, which was forced to give up its monopoly. Littlechild. on the other hand, had to postpone the start of open competition in the mass electricity market since last April because only four of the 14 regional electricity companies were ready for competitive trading. This added to the impression that Offer never quite got the hang of dealing with the fleet-footed electricity firms, which have done well out of privatisation.

Both regulators can claim,

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proved services. in the run-up to belated open competition a domestic electricity. Littlechil. - clearly disappointed that his sector will lag a year beind gas has been acting to insure that consumers enjoy lwer prices and are protected form some of the unacceptable sales and marketing practice and hardsell doorstep techniques that happened when the gas market was opened to ompetition. He has introduced price restraints to reduce tariffs for smaller customers by about 9 per cent in real erms over the two years from April.

And in July he amounced a new licence condition for suppliers covering taining of sales staff, compensation arrangements for victins of malpractice and the rights of consumers to cancel contracts.

The regulator saysmost suppliers have been maketing responsibly, but someof the 14 electricity onsumer

monitor th regional electricity companies and epresent customer interests reported cases where distances were disperately misled or aced improper selling techniques.

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woode the introducion of full committee in the domestic marke! The Gas Consumers Countil has played a similar rolein deregulation of the gas maket.

n addition to ntegrating the watchdog egimes for gas and electricity, the Covernment says that the new super-regulator wil be expected to drive forwart initiatives spawned by its Geen Paper on utility regulating (which also covers water art telecommunications). It setsuit a modern framework for werseeing and monitoring the utilities and places greater emphasis

on customers.

John Battle has made it clear that the new customer focus is a top priory for the Government. He tod the industry earlier this month:

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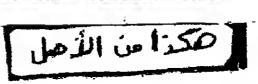
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# How will it work for you?

**David Young** on the planning that went into

the launch of the change

our postcode will determine how soon you can choose to buy a different supplier. In any event, freedom of choice will be available to all 26 million domestic consumers from the start of 1999, but already the sales and marketing campaigns have started.

However, before the electricity suppliers could start to sign up customers a massive system has had to be put in place to make sure that customers are billed properly so that the promised savings get through.

The programme of deregulaoon was formally launched in the autumn of 1995 when the Director-General of Electricity Supply appointed the PA Consulring Group as the overall programme manager to coordinate the work of various committees and sub-committees which had been formed. PA Consulong played an essenoal role in proposing ways forward in a number of areas, including the testing and integradon of various systems. High-level groups involving the regulator, the supply companies and consumer groups have since met regularly to keep the programme on track.

A Competitive Supply Code Executive, a Competitive Supply Code Forum and various other working groups solved many problems as they arose and by September 1996 a Central Integration and Design Authority was established to draw up a final schedule for deregulation. It must also ensure



All firms compete on a level playing field so suppliers must provide a variety of services to enable customers to change supplier

buy their electricity from different suppliers while at the same time retaining the same con-

sumers' rights.

Meanwhile the Electricity
Pool of England and Wales. which runs the wholesale electricity market between the generators and the suppliers, has been responsible for developing fresh trading arrange-ments, contracts, rules and procedures which will allow the market to operate. The Pool appointed Cap Gemini, the IT services company, to manage the new trading and

metering point registration system which is essential for accurate billing. It is this system which will register the meter and supplier for every one of the 26 million electricity customers. The process also involved the Office for Electricity Regulation (Offer) and by September last year the various li cence changes and codes of conduct were close to their

final form. The result is that all suppliers in the market must compete on a level playing field and this means that the Public company also developed a must provide a variety of services to enable customers to change supplier,

These will include registering new customers in their area who choose another supplier and arranging for collecting meter readings for the new suppliers, which has meant changing computer systems and in some cases providing new hardware and software. The PESs are also required to make their pre-payment meter networks available to competing suppliers. This has been welcomed by consumer organisations who have long

argued that pre-payment

tage because they are unable to achieve the savings that are offered to consumers who pay bills by direct debit, and that this type of customer has been locked into buying energy at a comparatively high rate. Whether this sector of the market will hold out any attracnons to suppliers remains to be seen, but linking this type of customer into other product sales is possible and bad debt in the electricity market is not a major issue. In fact, out of 26 million consumers fewer than 500 had their supplies cut off for non-payment last year.

he supply industry accepts that the full competition benefits of a deregulated market will not be realised until a large number of consumers switch suppliers - Offer suggests that between 5 and 10 per cent will switch by 2000, while management consultants Coopers & Lybrand are more optimisoc and suggest that between 22 to 30 per cent of consumers will change suppliers within two years.

It has been decided, therefore, that some form of regulation will be retained to drive the market before competition becomes fully effective and that price restraints will remain in place in the transitional period,

When will compection become fully effective? That can only be guessed at, but since the market for larger industrial and commercial users was liberalised 43 per cent of those consumers now buy their power from suppliers other than their local regional electricity

## Pay up for a green future

Craig Seton on how consumers

can aid ecological researchers

hile tens of thou-sands of electricity consumers are least one of the big power firms is giving some of its customers the chance to eschew any savings from competition and opt to pay more for their fuel.

tt is not a case of marketing managers at Eastern Electricity taking leave of their commercial senses. but the firm's plan to give customers the option to contribute directly to the development of "green" electricity from renewable sources.

Eastern is marketing two new tariffs. EcoPower and EcoPower Plus, which add either a 5 or 10 per cent supplement to bills, equivalent to an additional £15 or £30 a year on an average domestic bill of £300.

The company says it will match pound for pound the additional payments made by customers up to a total of El million over two years.

Funds raised are to be deposited in a charitable trust and used to support electricity generation schemes, including wind, wave and so-

lar power, and research into renewable generation. Launched in Eastern's area last year, the scheme's first customers have signed up, although no figures are

to hand. It will be available to consumers nationwide when electricity competition is fully rolled out over the next year in Britain; Eastern has set a target of having 10,000 EcoPower customers by October 1999.

The company says the project, which is backed by Friends of the Earth, is part of the commitment of its generation business to produce at least 10 per cent of its power from renewable resources by the year 2010.

The Government is investigating how a similar target can be achieved for powgeneration in the UK The present level of "green" generation is only 2 per

An Eastern official says that EcoPower is a niche product that is likely to be taken up only by those people who are determined to do their bit for renewable energy. The company's research suggests that up to 45,000 of its existing consumers may have some in-

terest in paying extra. Specialist "green" energy companies are already active in the electricity market. The Renewable Energy Company, based in Stroud Gloucestershire, was established in 1996 and markets power generated from land-

# The freedom to choose a supplier

In hirer-quarters of a million householders and small business users in four areas of Britain win the freedom to choose their electricity supplier and opt for low-er fuel bills when the first phase of full competition in the market begins today, writes Craig Seton.

They represent 10 per cent of customers of Eastern Electricity in towns such as Norwich and Lowestoft: of Manweb in Chester and Mold: of Scottish-Power in Motherwell and Lanark and of Yorkshire Electricity in Hull and Beverley, identi-fied by their postcode, who can - if they wish - now take supplies from one of the other three power firms involved in phase one or from British Gas, the former state-owned monopoly, which is entering the domestic electricity supply mar-ket for the first time. Full compeotion across these areas is being introduced in three stages lasting six months. Deregulacon across the whole of Britain is not scheduled to be completed unol June next year. The evidence of the past few

· A new tranche of householders

> can save on their bills

months suggests that consumers will not hesitate to switch to a cheaper supplier, and tens of thousands of households and small businesses have done so in the phase one areas or have signed contracts with new companies in advance of

full competition. Yorkshire Electricity, for iostance, says it has won 100,000 electricity customers outside its area. And British Gas claims that by last week 400,000 households in many areas of Britain had signed contracts to take its domestic

British Gas says another 1.5 million households have already expressed an interest in taking its electricity supplies. It is about to launch a big marketing campaign in an attempt

electricity supplies.

to take more customers away from their existing suppliers. and in a fully competitive market it hopes to sell electricity to between 2.5 million and 3.5 million consumers. The opening of the former monopoly's own domesoc gas market to competition two years ago clearly demonstrates that customers want lower fuel bills. Briosh Gas has lost three million of its customers - 15 per cent - to new players in gas supply, including regional electricity companies and firms such as Amerada, a subsidiary of Amerada Hess Corporation, the gas and oil giant with

operations in the North Sea. Another one million customers of British Gas are estimated to have signed contracts in advance of changing to another supplier. Amerada's vigorous marketing campaign is typical of the intense competition that British Gas has faced in trying to ding to its former monopoly customer base.

Amerada says that consum-ers switching to the company can make savings of up to £85 a year on a £500 British Gas bill, depending on which of its tariff and payment options is chosen. The firm's offers include an Air Miles deal and options for NatWest credit and charge card holders.

Average domestic gas bills are about £313 a year and ac-cording to Dr Eileen Mar-shall, the deputy director of gas supply at Ofgas, the indus-try regulator. "Independent figures show that some customers can save up to 20 per cent on their gas bills by changing supplier — equivalent to more than £60 off the average bill."

tricity bills through switching supplier are unlikely to be as high as they have been in gas.
Professor Stephen Littlechild, the Director-General of Offer, says that consumers were already benefiting from lower electricity bills as the industry prepared for the open market fray. Offer says the average real charge for a typical domestic customer fell by 5 per cent last year and in order to give domestic customers bigger savings, the regulator has introduced price restraints re-quiring an average reduction in tariffs of about 9 per cent over the two years that started

last April. The marketing for electricity customers will undoubtedly intensify as competition sweeps through the domestic marketplace. Midlands Electricity, which is not set to join the competition until next month, has already announced that it is expanding its field sales force by 300 people as it too sets out to win new business and defend its existing customer base.

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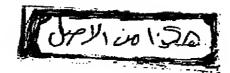
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Interims: Bovis Homes Group, British Aarospace, Cordiant Communications Group, Dolphin Packaging, Folkes Group, Geest, Jardina Matheson, Jardina Strategic, Kwik-Fit Holdings, MDIS Group, Wm Morrison Supermarkets, MTL Instruments, Next, Princadale Group, S&U, Trinity, UCM Group, Wolstenholme Rink, Ftmats: Leads Sporting, Tor Investment Trust, Quayla Munro Holdings Economic statistics: UK August retail sales.

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## Few surprises in store at Kingfisher

KINGFISHER: Last week's news that the Woolworth, B&Q and Comet retailer intends to challenge Scottish Media's £31.2 million bid for VCI, the video publisher that includes the Thomas the Tank Engine series.

took the market by surprise. But there are unlikely to be any surprises from Kingfisher and Sir Geoffrey Mulcahy, chief execunve, when it unveils half-year

results on Wednesday. Nick Bubb at Société Générale Securities, the broker, is looking for pre-tax profits of £168 million against £150 million last time with the payout growing from 3.25p to 3.5p. B&Q, which stood out with a

strong performance last year, will have experienced a slowdown in sales during the second guarter. having been affected by poor weather. Woolworth will have enjoyed further strong growth as will its French operation, Darty, although the strong pound will have caused translation problems for the latter.

"Kingfisher usually manages to beat expectations and there is no reason why that should not be the case this time round. Hopefully, the company will have an upbeat message about prospects for the rest of the year," says Mr

NEXT: The first signs that all was not well with the high street retailer came in March, when it shocked the City by warning of a drop in sales. Since then it has been evident that the poor weather, deflation and stock range problems have all conspired against the group. As a result, brokers are bracing themselves for the interim results, due outon

Thursday. Société Générale Securities Is forecasting a drop in pre-tax profits from £67 million to £50.5 million, while BT Alex Brown is looking for a final figure of £49 million. These numbers are towards the top end of the range.

SocGen remains confident that Next can make up some of the lost ground in the second half and is still looking for a virtually unchanged £176 million for the year. Like-for-like sales are expecied to show a drop of 4 per cent although the company app-



Sir Geoffrey Mulcahy has his eye on VCI and the Thomas the Tank Engine video series

ears to have made a positive start to the autumn season. The payout is likely to be pegged at 6p.

BRITISH AEROSPACE: Purther growth in defence and the vagaries of cashflow will have a strong role to play in half-year results due out on Thursday. Pretax profit estimates range from £302 million to £330 million against £260 million last time. before exceptionals. Earnings a

share will come in at 13p (11.4p). Brokers will be looking to see to what extent low oil prices will have affected the group's cashilow. "I expect the oil price

could well have a short-term effect on cashflow, but in all other respects BAe continues to represent a safe haven as far as engineering stocks are concerned," says Adrian Murray at Teather & Greenwood, the broker, who sees first-half pre-tax profits coming in at £330 million.

BG: The warmer weather and ongoing restructuring costs will-have taken their toll on secondquarter numbers due out on Wednesday, BT Alex Brown, the broker, is predicting adjusted net income of £115 million (£123 million). Earnings will decline from 3.lp to 2.9lp. Exploration and production will have been hit by a combination of lower oil prices and a seasonal drop in gas production. Transco has now been divided

into 13 separate units. After last year's cut in the payout, brokers are confident on an increase this time round of 7.5 per cent to 4.3p. A total of 8.6p has been pencified in for the full year.

RMC GROUP: After losing its position as a constituent of the FTSE 100 index last week, brokers will be hoping for some positive news from the company

veiled on Thursday. They are likely to be disappointed. Brokers are forecasting tinle change in pre-tax profits on last year's figure of £116 million with

earnings a share pegged at 26p. The payout is expected to grow from 8.2p to 8.65p.

**BLUE CIRCLE INDUSTRIES:** A profits decline is on the cards when Britain's biggest cement maker reports interim numbers on Friday. It too loshts place as a constituent of the top 100 companies last week.

Difficult trading conditions in Malaysia, Chile and Africa and the effect of the warm weather on its heating division will all combine to drive profits down from £143 million last year to £130 million this time round. Earnings will decline from 11.5p to 10.9p. The group will also have suffered from contracting margins and higher interest charges.

There is likely to be a small increase in the dividend from 4.7p to 4.9.

JD WETHERSPOON: Fullyear pre-tax profits due out on Tuesday are expected to be in the range of £20.5 million to £21.5 million, up from £17.6 million last time round. Earnings a share

should also come in at 10p (8.7p). Results at the pubs group will have been hit by disappointing sales levels during the World

Second-half profits per pub fell by around 7 per cent on 1 per cent lower average sales. Analysts will be looking for indications on whether trading in recent weeks has picked up.

HAYS: A strong second-half performance will have produced an impressive outcome for the year as final results will show today. Pre-tax profits are likely to come in at between £190 million and £200 million. That compares with £155.3 million last time. Earnings are also likely to be up around a quarter at 33p.

Brokers are expecting an across the board improvement. except in chemicals, which will reflect the downturn in the manufacturing industry. Look for a payout rise from 9.3p to 10.7p.

#### **ECONOMIC OUTLOOK**

## Markets set for rough ride

nternational markets are set for another rollercoaster week as impor-tant economic data is released against the background of the political crises in

both Russia and the US.

President Clinton's problems will continue to grip the public burinvestors will be anxious to see if the new Russian Government is prepared to take lough action to try to tackle its growing economic problems. The G7 deputy finance ministers are meeting in London today to discuss the Russian crisis but analysts expect no clear commitments while the

situation remains so uncertain. On Wednesday, the markets will be focused on Congress where Alan Greenspan. Chairman of Federal Reserve. Robert Rubin, the Treasury Secretary, and George Soros are due to give their views On the current bout of market instability.

in the UK, the markets will be looking for evidence that the domestic economic situation might provide the Bank of England with scope for an early rate cut, after its admission last week that the worsening international situation has made a cut more likely.

On Tuesday, the August inflation data will show underlying inflation remaining just above target levels. MMS, the forecasting group, predicts the annual rate will remain stauc at 26 per cent, while the headline measure should fall to 3.3 per cent, easing upward pressure on wages The average earnings data, released on Wednesday, should confirm this trend, with annual growth predicted to fall from

5 per cent in May to 4.7 per cent in June. The latest borrowing figures, due out on Wednesday, should show a small August surplus, leaving the Government on track to beat its full-year forecast.

The market expects no change in interest rates when the Bundesbank Council meets on Thursday, with global problems countering any inflationary consequences of an improving economy.

**ALASDAIR MURRAY** 

#### SUNDAY TIPS

The Sunday Times: Buy Next, Mayflower. Eidos and Stoves Group; Sell Securicor and Vaux Group; Hold Medisys.

The Sunday Telegraph: Buy Yorkshire Water. Saatchi and Saatchi. Delphi Group. Estates & General and 3i; Sell Persulls and Vaix Market Persulps and Vaix Bentalls and United Assurance. The Express on Sunday: Buy Windsor. Beazer Group, Novara and Iceland. The Mail on Sunday: Buy WML.

## DTI rejects talk of end to Secretary's veto

and Industry has rejected reports of plans to strip Peter Mandelson, the Trade Secretary, of his powers to block company takeovers (Martin Waller writes).

Instead, the Government has confirmed that proposals for an independent Competition Commission are being considered in Whitehall.

The final say on whether or not to allow a takeover or merger fies with the Secretary of State for Trade and Indus-

THE Department of Trade try, currently Mr Mandelson. He is expected to make a decision soon, possibly as early as next week, oo whether to allow the purchase by Ladbroke Group of Coral, a rival bookmaker, a takeover

that has attracted criticism even from within the Cabinet. The DTI has described suggestions that Mr Mandelson may intend to block the deal as "speculative".

Yesterday the DTI insisted there were no plans to change the way decisions are taken.

## Whitbread to open 200th Inn

BY DOMINIC WALSH

WHITBREAD, the brewing and leisure group, will this month open its 200th Travel lnn, consolidating its position as the UK's biggest budget

lodge operator. Sir Michael Angus, the chairman of Whitbread, will unveil the Bridge Barn Beefeater and Travel Inn at Woking, Surrey, on September 29. The 34-room hotel and restaurant has cost almost £1 million to develop.

Whitbread has told City analysts the company is in-

creasingly concerned about the high prices being paid for pubs and restaurants and is therefore concentrating additional investment on hotels.

Whitbread owns the TGI Friday's, Bella Pasta, Café Rouge and Pizza Hut restaurant chains. But the company has been telling shareholders that the pub and restaurant market is in danger of overheating, which is pushing the price of new sites beyond what the company is prepared to pay. Instead, Travel Inn is expanding at the rate of one new hotel every ten days. Its nearest competitor Travelodge, part of the Forte empire acquired by Granada

in 1996, which currently has about 170 hotels and expects to hit 200 by the year 2000. Both companies started life as roadside lodge operators but over the past 18 months have increasingly targeted city centre locations. Whitbread is doing so using the Travel Inn Capital sub-brand. In London it has

opened units in Putney, Euston

and at County Hall, where it is opening a Marriott hotel later

The next Travel Inn Capital is scheduled to open next spring just south of the Thames on Tower Bridge Road, at a cost of £9 million.

A company spokeswoman denied weekend reports that the £200 million investment package on restaurants announced earlier this year was at risk. But the company feels better value lies in hotels and in its David

Lloyd sports centres.

ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT MARKET

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## Crest plans European settlement network

CREST, the settlement system used for British and Irish shares, plans to bring down the cost of dealing in European equities to the same level as domestic securities (Martin

Waller writes).
The savings will come from links between Crest and other settlement systems across Europe that should result in the development of a pan-European network. Eventually, charges to investors for the delivery against payment of foreign shares from one mem-

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ber of the network to another should fall to as little as one

euro, or 60p. As a first step. Crest has confirmed plans to link with Sega, the settlement system for Swiss stock markets, in the third quarter of next year.

Jain Saville, chief executive of CrestCo, the company that administers the London system, said it would help make European shares more affordable to the British investor. and "make it as easy to settle Nestlé as it is to settle Glaxo".

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## THE UPS

In 1997 SmithKline Bee cham reported pre-tax profits of £1.65 billion on sales of £7.8 billion.

**Pharmaceuticals** makes most money for the company, with Paxil/ Seroxat and Augmentin each having sales of \$1.5

Consumer health made £398 million from Panadol, Contac, Nicorette, Aquafresh, Lucozade and Ribena.

The company 55,000 staff and is valued at £38 billion.

## THE BOARD

Sir Peter Walters, 67, is chairman, and a director since 1989. The former BP chairman is also deputy chairman of EMI Group and HSBC Holdings, and is a director of Saatchi &

Saatchi. The chief executive is 58-year-old Jan Leschly. The charismatic former tennis professional, who was among the world's top ten 30 years ago, is a pharmacist who worked at Novo in Denmark before moving to the US with Squibb. He is also a director of American Express and CBS Corporation.

50, is chief operating officer — Leschly's right-hand man and heir apparent. He is credited with building SB's strong US business. Hugh Collum, 58, will

shortly retire as chief financial officer and will be replaced by his deputy, Andrew Bonfield. Bob Bauman's first recruit to Beecham, Collum is a director of M&G, Safeway, and will soon join the board of Siebe.

Chief science and technology officer is George Poste, 54, an early advocate of a gene-based approach to disease.

Tadataka Yamada, 53. is president of healthcare services, covering Clinical Labs and Diversified Phar-

maceutical Services. Besides Sir Peter, SB has eight non-executive di-rectors, including Paul Allaire, 60, chairman of Xerox Corporation; Sir John Browne, 50, chief executive of BP; Sir Christo-pher Hogg, 62, chairman of Reuters Holdings and Allied Domecq; Donald McHenry, 61, a director of AT&T and Coca-Cola; and Lucy Shapire, 58, who is head of developmental biology at Stanford University.

pany's management is the jobs they get offered. Jerry Karabelas, who ran Smithkline Beecham's pharmaceutical operations until last December, is now in charge of healthcare at Novartis, which owns the world's

third-largest drugs company. Jean-Pierre Garnier, Dr Karabelas's former boss, can go one better. Sir Richard Sykes, chairman of Glaxo Wellcome. offered Dr Garnier the opportunity to become chief executive of Glaxo SmithKline, which would have been the largest company in the world's most profitable industry. In an impressive display of loyalty to Jan Leschly, SB's chief exec-

utive, he turned down the job. He explains: "It's not just about money. You don't stab someone in the back just because you are offered a big job and a big title. We have a good

partnership here."
That partnership has, since Mr Leschly took over as chief executive in 1994, helped SB increase comparable annual trading profits by 60 per cent to £1.7 billion last year. The performance in the US, the world's biggest and fastestgrowing healthcare market, has been particularly strong. Since the start of 1994, SB's market value has risen from £10 billion to £38 billion.

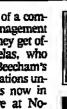
These achievements counted for little in the acrimonious aftermath of the failed £100 billion merger with Glaxo Wellcome earlier this year. Disappointed shareholders whined about their "lost" £15 billion as both share prices fell sharply. Investors were slow to accept that the promised benefits of combining the two research and development organisations would never emerge if the deal had to be forced through amid managementdisagreements, culture clashes and political in-fighting.

Typically more open, SB persuasively argued that Glaxo Wellcome had reneged on the agreed deal, suddenly seeking Mr Leschly's retirement at the

eleventh hour. Yet it was SB that was left looking the weaker company, having apparently walked away from two mergers - the first with American Home Products — in as many months. SB was perceived to be in need of a deal.

SB's growth, supported by its two \$1.5 billion blockbusters, the antibiotic Augmentin and the anti-depressant Paxil/ Seroxat, has failed to prevent it from slipping down the world pharmaceuticals league. The 1989 merger that created SB briefly lifted the group to number four in the

Since then, the mergers that















Bob Bauman, the former chief executive of Smithkline Beecham, bottom left, credits Jean-Pierre Garnier, top left, and Jan Leschly with creating a culture of success at the pharmaceutical company. Based at New Horizons Court, SB's prosperity depends on the successful development of new drugs such as Avandia

formed Bristol-Myers Squibb and Novartis, and the rise and rise of Pfizer, have pushed SB back to ninth place.

The group will this year spend nearly El billion on research and development. Dr Garnier boasts of 60 projects in clinical trials, but many of these are extensions of existing products. That leaves SB looking heavily reliant on Avandia for insulin-resistant diabetes. Other promising products

have not always delivered in recent years. Kredix/Coreg, for congestive heart failure. has disappointed earlier hopes, while Memric, for Alzheimer's disease, failed in late-stage trials.

SB is strong in vaccines, a business shunned by many of the world's leading drugs groups. It is also strong in ge-nomics and the techniques of gene-based drug discovery. SmithKline Beecham was created from the 1989 merger of SmithKline Beckman of the US and Britain's Beecham. Bob Bauman, the American who became chairman in 1986, was concerned that Beecham, at 23 in the world rank-

recently launched Augmentin new products. ings, was an also-ran in pharmaceuticals and was poorly

WHAT THE EXPERTS SAY

Over the next three years, we are expecting a really meaning-

ful increase in earnings growth, peaking at around 20-21 per

cent in 2000. On the eternal question of a merger with Glaxo

"The need for corporate activity still exists. They need the new

products for the US. It's less cash-generative than its peers

"People are perhaps looking at their total healthcare concept.

versus the pharma-only concept. Avandia is probably going to be

the key drug that [will] convert analysts, one way or the other."

Wellcome, the bridges have been well and truly burnt,"

and the pharma margins aren't as good, either."

and a promising pipeline of drinks businesses. From the outset, the plan

was 10 create an integrated healthcare company - hence the retention of Beecham's over-the-counter medicines placed to make the most of the and its Aquafresh toothpaste

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Mr Leschly and Dr Garnier joined SB Pharmaceuticals within a few months of one another in 1990. In his book on the merger, Mr Bauman gives the two newcomers much of the credit for forging the single culture that completed the integration. Mr Leschly probably made his biggest mistake within

weeks of taking over from Mr Bauman. In May 1994 he de-cided to spend \$2.3 billion on Diversified Pharmaceutical Services, one of the drug-parchasing organisations that were briefly seen as holding the key to the US healthcare market

It has not turned out that way. Although SB has avoided the disaster that befell Eli Lilly, Diversified is still not making any money. Mr Leschly and Dr Garnier continue to defend Diversified's contribution to the wider group, but it is hard

and Lucozade and Ribena to believe it justifies the estimated £350 million of interest costs

over the past four years. A few months later, SB spent \$29 billion buying Sterling Winthrop from Eastman Kodak, thereby strengthening its consumer health business with brands such as Panadol, Andrews Liver Salts and Phil-

lips Milk of Magnesia. The consumer healthcare business contributed £398 million of trading profits last year, 23 per cent of the total. SB has achieved good growth with the smoking cessation products. NicoDerm and Nicorette, and with the muchexpanded Aquafresh oral care range, Lucozade, Ribena and even Horlicks have continued

to make good contributions. The group is regularly encouraged to sell consumer healthcare to turn itself into a pure pharma company with higher average margins. SB gives this idea short shrift: consumer healthcare makes good profits that are not vulnerable. as are prescription pharmaceuanti

ticals, to patent expiries. Moreover, according to Mr Bauman, the logic of the original merger saw the over-the counter business as an important defence against the pricing pressure on pharmaccuicals. The trend towards selfmedication will find SB strong

ly placed. The case for retaining Clinic cal Laboratories, SB's third in looks much weaker. Part of SmithKline since 1970, the US blood and urine testing business made only £95 million last year on sales of £846 million. It is under persistent pressure to cut prices and is lighting legal claims for hundreds of millions of dollars related to past over-charging. Dr Garni-er seems to have little enthusi-

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SB has clearly expressed values and business conduct guidelines, but it was surprised that these are silent on human rights.

As a corporate citizen. SB can point to its free donation of its drug to kill the parasite that can cause the hugely disfigur-ing elephantiasis. Working with the World Health Organisation, SB is hoping to eliminate lymphatic filariasis over the next 20 years. Jimmy Carter, the former US President, has described this as the most generous corporate gift of all time.

Investor hopes that the merger with Glaxo Wellcome will be resurrected when Mr Leschly retires or steps aside fail to recognise the degree of unity within SB's management team.

But although SB has declared its confidence in an independent future, it cannot want to slip much further down the world pharmaceuticals league. The company's fate could well be decided by the success of Avandia and other new drugs.

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## Film-maker's fate settled off the screen

With the fate of Polygram Films, maker of Four Weddings and a Funeral, expected to be settled by the end of the month and analysts looking for any sale to be at more than \$900 million, the

company's president tells Raymond Snoddy, media editor, why he thinks he has another hit on his hands.

ichael Kuhn, president of Polygram Filmed Entertainment, is frustrated. The comlieves to be the best slate of films in its history at the very moment it is being sold by Sea-

gram, its owner.
"It's a kind of sod's law. It's a really amazing slate and all I get nervous about is, although they [Seagram] have been very good up to now, that we won't get asset-stripped before the sale," Mr Kuhn said.

A September 18 deadline has been set for formal bids for the company that made Four Weddings and o Funer-al and the signs are that EMI, MGM, Canal Plus and Carlton are all still in the hunt. Mr Kuhn has just seen Notting Hill, starring Julia Roberts and Hugh Grant, and believes it could be as big, if not bigger than Four Weddings, which grossed more than \$250 million (£150 million).

Notting Hill is just one of several Polygram films he expects to do well. Elizabeth, which depicts the Virgin Queen as less than virginal, has got "incredible reviews" and the PFE president believes Lock Stock and Two Smoking Barrels could get into this year's top ten earners list in the UK.

Mr Kuhn adds that Your Friends and Neighbours, has been chosen by The New York Times as one of the two best films of the summer. Then there is Very Bad Things, a black comedy in the tradition of Pulp Fiction, which he



thinks could be big in the US and What Dreams May Come. starring Robin Wil-

liams, which is testing well.
The Green Mile, which PFE has in production and which stars Tom Hanks, could be big next year. "As a slate it should be extremely profitable and should validate the figure we have put in for the value of the investment which is in the \$300 million range," Mr Kuhn said.

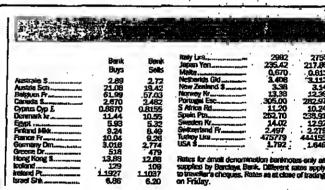
the movie business is entering a boom period with more cinemas being built all over the world and the growing impor-tance of pay television and of DVD — digital video discs — to the retail trade. "I see anywhere from IO to

20 per cent annual growth for the next ten years in the business, most from international not the US," Mr Kuhn said. Analysts believe that Seagram will decide not to sell PFE if the bids fall below the

\$800 to \$900 million range. Seagram could simply keep the catalogue and end future production PFE would be the neatest fit for EMI. It would be like recreating Polygram - a record

MGM would get the greatest economies of scale, running two studios off one overhead. Carlton is looking for a partner to make a bid and has been talking with Canal Plus. The fate of what Michael Kuhn sees as the first new Hollywood studio to be created since the war should be decid-

ed by the end of this month.



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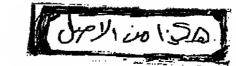
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## Alton launches anti-abortion investment fund BY GAVIN LUMSDEN

PROFESSOR Lord Alton of Liverpool, the former Liberal Democrat MP, brings his long-running and abortion campaign to the City this week with the launch of the country's first "pro-life" investment fund.

Although in theory the CF Banner Real Life Unit is simply the latest in a long line of ethical funds, it is bound to create more waves by being the first to take an active stance against abortion.

Professor Alton, who as an MP failed to get the abortion rime limit cut from 25 to 18 weeks in 1988 with his controversial Private Member's Bill, will reveal on Wednesday that up to half of the companies in the FTSE 100 will be banned from the fund because they fail to meet its rigorous invest-

Top of the sin list will be Scherings, the drugs company that makes PC4, the morningafter pill, and other pharma-



Alton: ethical alternative

ceutical companies involved in the manufacture and distribution of RU486, the anti-abortion pill. Companies using foe-tal material in their research will also be banned. More controversial, however, will be the fund's decision to ban banks that lend, and supermarkets that sublet to, the offending

Both the Society for the

Protection of the Unborn Child and Life, the two most vocal anti-abortion groups with 140,000 members in the UK, are sponsoring the fund and will recieve a percentage of the annual fees paid by in-

Banner Group, a Christian firm of independent financial advisers in West Sussex, of which Lord Alton is a direc-tor, is marketing the fund and has already mailshot 150,000

It is eventually hoping to ap-peal to three million Christians who have been discouraged from ethical funds because of the emphasis on causes such as the environment and animal testing. However, it is retaining traditional ethical objections to companies involved in tobacco, alcohol and pornography. It is also extending its pro-life concept to ban companies with family unfriendly work practices or which use imports made by

# Just how far will interest rates fall?

O we have seen the peak.
Last week's him from
Alan Greenspan, the
Fed chairman, about the next
move in US interest rates is a set to fall around the world. The Japanese, of course, have already acted, leaving only another 0.25 per cent to go before they hit absolute zero. Although our own Mone-tary Policy Committee (MPC) predictably failed to cut rates last week, an accompanying

statement suggested that it is beginning to dawn that there are more things in heaven and earth than have hitherto been dreamt of in the MPC's philosophy. Forget the idea of higher interest rates. Now is the time to address the question of how far rates could fall. Some people will find the answer deeply shocking.

There are two ways to get a fix. The first is to look at rates abroad. Brirish interest rates are just about the highest in the developed world. Never mind Japan. Short rates are currently 5.5 per cent in the US and 3.3 per cent in Germany. Moreover, it looks increasingly likely that euro interest rates will start not much higher than this - and will subsequently come lower.

The second approach is to

troughed under Chancellor Lawson in 1988. British interest rates have been in a pro-found downtrend for nearly 20 years. In 1979 it took rates of 17 per cent to cool the economy. Now it looks as though 7.5 per cent has done the trick. We should look for the next trough in rates to be well below the previous one, which was 5.25 per cent, reached under Chancellor Clarke.

This seems incredible to anyone steeped in recent British history. But you need to look back further. The year 1749 is a good noint to start. In that year, various government debts were consolidated into an issue of "conannuities", or solidated "consols". The interest rate was 3 per cent. Moreover, for most of the succeeding century and a half, consols traded at close to

about the possibility that Britain would be defeated, by revolutionary France, they reached a crisis peak — 6.3 per cent. Until recently, that would have seemed incredibly low for long-term bond rates,

that rate. In 1797 and 1798, how-

ever, in the midst of a panic



BOOTLE

5 per cent, and it looks as though 6.3 per cent will not be regained for a long time. So how low could bond rates go? Put it this way, in IS96-98 the yield on consols reached its a low of 2.25 per cent. Japanese government bond yields, however, have recently fallen below I per cent.

t is a similar story for short rates. After 1914, Bank Rate was set in the range 3 to 7 per cent, but in 1931 it reached 2 per cent. With the exception of a brief period in 1939, it remained at 2 per cent until 1951. Some market rates were even lower. Be-tween 1933 and 1938, and again in the years immediately after the war, discount rates on Treasury Bills were less than I per cent. The American

story is even more striking. The average rate on US Treasury Bills in the 1930s was 0.6 cent. In 1938 and 1939 it reached 0.01 per cent.

From this historical perspective, the investment problem facing both institutions and private investors looks decidedly different. For the past 30 years, most long-term investors, but especially current and prospective pensioners, have overwhelmingly dreaded one thing — inflation.

Their whole strategy has been geared to making sure

that their capital was not decimated by the insidious progress of the Great Deceiver. Now, I suspect, they are about to confront a danger unconsidered for a generation -the prospect of having a capltal sum which looks large in relation to previous plans but on which it is impossible to earn a reasonable income

This is the predicament of Japanese investors. For years they tolerated any dividends on shares because capital values kept rising. Who needs dividends in such a world? But the cononued weakness of the stock market in the Nineties has changed all that. Money has flooded into bonds and deposits (and now into safes). Yet you are Jucky if

cent, even on bonds. This leaves savers capital-rich but income-poor. Does this ring a bell? The markets gave the strongest signal yet that they have taken leave of their sens es when they shot up a week ago on the idea that the Fed might cut rates. By last Friday the message had sunk in that if this does happen it will be scant cause for celebration. It will be because the world econthey ever imagined.

Because stock market complacency is proving difficult to shift, though, perhaps the big fall in equity prices which I and others have forecast will not come about through a sharp crack, but rather through a fitful, but cononued. slide to unimagined depths.

What to do? For analysts and policymakers the mes sage is simple. It is still not too late. Throw away the mathematical models and read the history books. For investors, expect the unimaginable. What about 3.5 per cent War Loan trading above par?

As for short-term interest rates, it would be fitting, don't you think, if the century were to end where it began, with Bank Rate at 3 per cent. Or would that be too high?

## **Pilkington** completes new line-up

Pilkington, the troubled glassmaker, will this morning confirm that it has completed an overhaul of its non-executive directors. John Macomber, 70, and Sir Michael Quinlan. 67, are to leave the board.

They will be replaced by Jim Leng, chief executive of Laporte, Oliver Stocken, soon to step down as finance director of Barclays, and Bill Harrison, head of corporate advisory at Deutsche Bank.

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ScotPower boost

ScottishPower, the utility, has decided that any bid for Cinergy of Ohio will be a takeover rather than a merger, Ian Robinson, chief executive, has persuaded Jim Rogers, his counterpart at Cinergy, to relin-quish control of the company in return for an offer worth over \$6.5 billion (£4 billion).

Absence costs £11bn The average worker costs their employer £478 a year in time off work, and British business as a whole lost £11 billion in 1997 through employee absence, according to a survey from the CBI sponsored by Bupa, the private healthcare company.

Grid surprise

A spokesman for National Grid expressed surprise at a weekend report that it was to buy Britain's air traffic control system for £500 million.

## Lyonnais poised for part sale

FROM ADAM SAGE IN PARIS

CREDIT LYONNAIS, the state-owned French bank, will this week pave the way for its partial privatisation this autumn when it reveals half-year accounts expected to show a small profit. The Government will seize upon the results to finalise sale details.

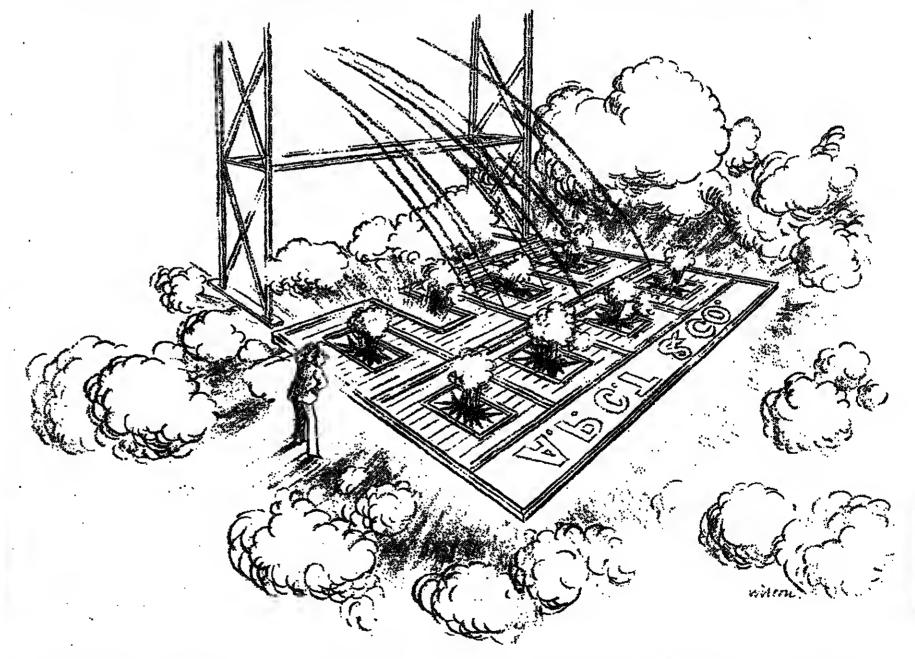
With France financing a rescue package likely to cost its taxpayers more than FrI50 billion (£16 billion), several firms have expressed interest in buying a stake to form a core of Credit Lyonnais shareholders.

No British groups are likely to join the core, with Lloyds TSB, once reported to be a potential buyer, ruling itself out. Allianz, the German insurer, AXA, its French rival, and Paribas, the Paris-based bank, have all said they would like to buy Credit Lyonnais shares

Last week, the Finance Ministry said that a sale would be announced before the end of next month, but that it had yet to decide whether to retain a majority holding in the bank for another year.

The Government has promised the EU to cut its stake below 10 per cent by October 1999, but, with the French stock exchange caught by global turmoil, ministers may wish to sell a minority tranche to chosen groups in November and a bigger stake next year.

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CHANGING TIMES



John Monks is well regarded as an effective and realistic leader of the union movement who genuinely prefers partnership to confrontation

# Pay and economy will test Monks' bid for partnership

General Secretary, will this week welcome a host of ministers to the union movement's annual congress. He will do so with a far less heavy heart than last year. Then, relations between the

TUC and the new Labour Government were distinctly distant, crystallised by a somewhat hectoring speech from Tony Blair to congress. Grievance at his attitude stretched beyond the usual malcontents on the left to moderates who had backed Labour's transformation. The Prime Minister's tough line was seen as unnecessarily aggressive, designed to appeal to Labour's business backers rather than the party's traditional supporters. Mr Blair had rubbed salt into the wounds with a public jibe at John Edmonds, the GMB general secretary who was then the

newly elected TUC president. The stings from a Government that many union officials had worked to elect through secondments and unpaid assistance to the election campaign marked the realisation of union fears formed at the previous congress. This was when Stephen Byers - now Chief Secretary to the Treasury but then the opposition employment spokesman — dropped the bombshell that Labour could look at ways of severing its links with the unions.

Mr Monks looks back on disappointing times, ironically Christine Buckley analyses the crucial issues

union members meet for the annual congress

just when the union movement should have been rejoicing at the overthrow of the Conservatives and their years of antiunion legislation. "The messages were very unfriendly and negative from the Government. But f think now we have passed that and are seeing more positive actions," he said.

Now we are in the aftermath of the Fairness at Work White Paper, and Mr Monks and the leaders of the biggest unions are more sanguine. The White Paper, despite the high-profile rows over the terms for union recognition, offers considerable restoration of employment rights. It goes further than some unions had expected. After its publication, one union leader said privately that it amounted to a striker's charter. The White Paper, published in May, was the criocal point in defining Labour's relations with its former paymasters. The details have still to be finalised but the unions do not expect any serious backtracking. The Govern-ment has also delivered the minimum wage, although at £3.60 the unions welcome the

principle more than the level.

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The unions have come in from the cold. But they seem to have returned as far tamer beings than before, with much talk of partnership and little of confrontation. The question now is whether they will remain placid and loyal or flex their muscles. While they have been generally pleased by the Fairness at Work proposals. they are increasingly restive about the economy and pay. Here they believe they are not heeded by a Government bent on economic theory at the expense of precious manufac-

r Edmonds, in one of his spoken moments. last week said that there could be a winter of discontent over public-sector pay. And while Mr Monks distanced himself from the remarks, there is no doubt that anger is mounting.

The TUC has already warned the Chancellor that it fears the economic slowdown will be sharper than the Treasurv expects. It has called for £3 billion to be pumped into measures such as road-building to stimulate growth. An expected showdown between Gordon Brown and the unions at the congress has been averted - the Chancellor's appearance was cancelled because of his attendance at a Japanese financial summit. Surprisingly. the Government did not offer a substitute minister to take the anticipated flak over the economy. But given that Mr Byers is the obvious deputy, perhaps the Treasury decided that his appearance would

Mr Monks believes that the remit and make-up of the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee must change to put it in touch with the "real world". He said: "It needs a wider remit to include growth and employment and for people on it to come from the world of work."

The TUC chief will attack executive pay at congress, believing that widespread opposition is growing to high levels of remuneration for directors

utilities over the past few years

— both traditionally highly for the TUC and its General Secretary as unionised activities. Mr Monks believes that the

while average earnings are

held back and public-sector pay is squeezed. The fat cats

are getting fatter and public-

sector workers such as nurses

are being regarded as second-

class. There is no justification

for directors to have 18 per cent

increases. They are not earn-

the flashpoints. The more up-

beat themes will be partner-

its biggest recruitment inida-

tive, setting up a national organising academy for offici-

als to learn how to recruit

members and strengthen

union presence. Membership

is a crucial issue. Despite the

expected fillips of a Labour

Government and legislation to

secure recognition, the number

of members has been slipping.

fell from 6.9 million to 6.8

million and from 31 per cent of

the workforce to 30 per cent.

And while membership among

professionals, such as doctors

and lawyers, is increasing,

poor interest is coming from

sales staff and service sector

workers. Mr Monks believes

that the rapid growth of short-

term contracts is partly to

blame. "It is true that people

feel less a part of the world of

work on short-term contracts

and therefore less inclined to

join a union but it is those

people who often need union

Added to the impact of short-

protection the most."

Last year union membership

ship and recruitment.

Pay and the economy will be

Last year the TUC launched

ing the right to leadership."

organising academy will bear fruit, bringing in more and younger union members. He has to be right otherwise the union movement could be on a gradual slope of erosion. New recruits may also help

to subdue further the old problem within the union movement - the hard left. Recently it staged a minicomeback with the surprise election of Dave Rix as the next eneral secretary of Aslef. Mr Rix, a member of Arthur Scargill's Socialist Labour Party and a close confidante of the president of the National Union of Mineworkers, ousted Lew Adams in an election result that surprised the union world. His appointment prompted fears that he would form a hard-left super-union with the NUM and - in time - the Rail and Maritime Union. The RMT, currently led by Jimmy Knapp, has Bob Crow as its number two. He is another key member of the SLP. Mr Crow has decided not to stand for election against Mr Knapp next time but it is

stands. Unison, Britain's biggest union with 13 million members, also has its battles with the hard left, Rodney Bickerstaff, the general secretary, has waged a steady campaign to quell the ranks of the Campaign for a Democratic Union. a vigorous contingent that the executive view as Trotskyists. In June the hard left within Unison brought it close to backing national industrial action over the level of the minimum wage.

widely thought that he will

take the top slot when he

Such a prospect is a world away from the cautious and diplomatic approach of Mr Monks. The likelihood is that his hallmark will continue to characterise the behaviour of the unions. He is generally well regarded as an effective and realistic leader of the union movement, one who genuinely embraces partnership rather than confrontation. Colleagues in the union world will hope that his faith is not misplaced and that the Government begins to show stronger signs of wanting to work in partnership. This week's congress will give a clearer indication of the dialogue between the two.



Edmonds: outspoken

WORD-WATCHING **CHANGE ON WEEK** 

Answers from page 42 ZUGUNRUHE

(c) Migratory restlessness, the migratory drive in birds. The German "The behaviour of the four groups was studied in terms of Zuguaruhe, or migratory urge, as shown by night activity or the molt of feathers."

SEDEKAH (a) In Malaysia: alms, a voluntary offering. An adaptation of the "In the case of a Sultan as many as possible bear a hand in sending

him to the grave, partly for the sake of the sedekah or alms given lo

(a) A hybrid citrus fruit resembling a thick-skinned orange, produced by crossing the tangerine. Citrus reticulata, and the pomelo. Citrus grandis. Also the tree bearing this fruit. A The basket of Jamaican fruit contained uglis, tangelos, grapefruit

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and oranges."

(a) A formless, luminous spectre. Chiefly in the writings of W. B. Years, Poems, 1895: "Pooks, sowith or demon of the pit."

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TELEVISION CHOICE

# A trio some love to hate

BBC2, 8.30pm

There are some television personalities about which it is impossible to be neutral since they arouse feelings of enthusiasm and irritation in equal measure. Food and Drink, which returns with a new set and title music but otherwise the mixture much as before, has three of them. Of the noisy and self-satisfied Antony Worrall Thompson, who has taken over the cookery spot once occupied by Michael Barry, Terry Wogan said recently that if he didn't see him again it would be too soon. Others may feel the same about the wine experts. Filly Goolden and Oz Clarke, though not everybody finds them precious, pretentious or just plain silly, or Food and Drink would be running out of viewers. The good news is that Barry, one of the best and least showy of television cooks, will be contributing to this new series.

Neighbours At War BBC1, 9.30pm

In the first of a new series about neighbourly disputes, we catch up with Mrs Jennifer Kissel. conservationist and lawyer, in the Cotswold village of Chipping Campden. We met her earlier in the year pursuing her neighbour through the courts, and rumning up legal bills of more than £20,000, over his garden wall. She objected to his use of cement to hold the wall together, insisting that traditional dry-stone methods should be used. Cotswold District Council allowed the wall to be completed, whereupon Kissel went to the High Court. The film reports on the latest twist in the saga as well as Kissel's other campaigns, which saga as well as Kissel's other campaigns, which have resulted in burglar alarms, flower baskets and brackets being removed from the high street.

The Royle Family BBC2, 10.00pm

The Jury

The title is heavily ironic for this family is about as far from the Buckingham Palace royals as you can get. Inhabiting a council house in Manchester, they lounge about in front of the telly, smoking, eating junk food and carrying on vacuous conversations. The men are chauvinists, the women devoid of brains and all in all this is hardly a flattering portrait of the Northern working-class.

Radio 4, 10.45am There was much grinding of the tectonic plates underneath middle England when the revamped Radio 4 schedules included the end of the Woman's Hour serial, to be replaced by a drama series. But

the stories have been strong and The Jury, written by Mauthew Solon this previous credits include Beyond Reasonable Doub; and The Happiness Foundation) promises to maintain the standard.

The Jury concerns a high-profile public figure fighting a libel case but the focus is on the 12. members of the jury, not the plaintiff. Solon uses everything from formal jury room discussion to whispered conversations during the case to show how the jury members find themselves with personal issues to resolve.

RADIO 1 5.30am Chris Moyles 9.00 Smon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whiley

Includes 12.30pm Newsbeat 2.00 Mark Raddiffe 4.00 Dave Pearce Includes 5.45 Newsbeat 6.30 Lamacq Live. Includes sets from the Reading Festival 10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs 12.00 The Breezeblook 2.00em Emma 8 4.00 Cive Warren RADIO 2

6.00am Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 12.00 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Humphrey Lydelton 8.00 Big Band Special 8.30 Chris Berbor Jazz Darres 9.30 Kark Lamart. Steke Rattle and Rolf 10.30 Richard Affrison 12.05am Steve Madden 3.00 Alex Lester RADIO 5 LIVE

News 1.00pm Ruscoe and Co 4.00 Drive. A round-up of the atest news and sport, with Jane Garvey 7.00 News Extra 7 30 Master Managers: Don Revie 8.00 Travor Brooking's Montay Match Debate. Discussion on the chances of British clubs as they embate. on their European campaigns 8.00 Beck to the Valley. See Choice 9.30 Ben Johnson 10 Years On 18.00 Late Night Live with Nick Pobinson 1.00am Up All Night with Gary Robertson 5.00 Morning Reports

VIRGIN RADIO

6.30sm Chris Evans 9.30 Bobby Hain 1.00pm Nick Abbot 4.00 Mark Forrest 7.30 James Memit 10.00 Paul Coyte 1.00sm Pater Poulton 4.30 Jameny Clark

TALK RADIO

8.00am Claire Cations 9.00 Scott Chisholm 1.00pm Alan Mullery's Premieratip Show 3.00 Nationwide Commentary 6.00 Rough Guide to Classical Music 7.00 Nick Abbot 9.60 James Whale 1.00am Ian Collins 5.00 Bill Overton

RADIO 3

6.00am On Alr. Presented by Petroc Trelawny. Beethoven (Romanos in P); Mozart (Ein Medchen oder Werbchen, Die Zauberflöte); Saite (La Belle

oder Wettschen, Die Zauberflöte): Salle (La Belle Excentrque)

9.00 Masterworks, with Penny Gore, Includes Handel (Chandos Anthem No 6; As Pants the Hart); Liszt (Rhapsodie Espagnole); Borodin (String Quartet No 2 in D); Handel (Chandos Anthem No 7: My Song Shall Be Alway)

10.30 Artist of the Week: Steven Isserfls.

11.00 Sound Stories (Darsube Week); A Journey Down the Danube, with Donald Macleod

12.00 Composer of the Week: Felbt Mendelssohn

1.00pm The Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert, Introduced by Nicola Heywood Thomas, Nikolal Demidenko, plano, Scrlabin (Polonaise, Four Preludes); Prokofiav (Ten Pieces from Romeo and Juliet) Prokofiev (Ten Pieces from Romeo and Juliet;

2.00 The BBC Orchestras. The relum of the daily I he BSC Orchestras. The return of the daily series showcasing the five BBC orchestras. BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Atun Francis and Thienry Fischer, with Stetle McCracken, oboe Includes Beethoven (Leonore Overture No. 1): Brahms (Variations on a Theme by Haydh); Mozar (Symphony No. 36 in C; Oboe Concerto in C): Mendelssohn (Symphony No. 5 in D)

Include at 10.45 The Jury. See Choice

11.00 News; Dr Grainam's School. Tim Jenkins visits a community in the Himalayas which looks after Anglo-Incian children from Calcutta

11.30 Little Novels: Miss Berthe and the Yankee. A Victorian mystery by Wifue Cotins (r)

12.00 (FM) News; You and Yousn 12.57pm Weather

12.00 (LW) News Headlines; Shipping Forecast

1.00 The World at One. Introduced by Nick Clarke at the TUC Conference

1.30 Words in Music. The grand final of the quiz, presented by Denis Quitey

2.00 News; The Archers (r)

2.15 News; Afternoon Play: Spirite. Gautier's romance, set in 19th-century Paris, Dramatised

romance, set in 19th-century Paris. Dramatised by Michael Fox. With Katy Cavanegh, Richard

Heap and Alson Darling
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personel linence 3.30 Strange Weather Days: Wall of Water. Helen

4.00 News; The Food Programme Ir)
4.30 Four Corners, with Jane Franchi and guests
5.00 PM 5.54 (LW) Shipping 5.57 Weather

Young visits East Anglia and remembers the worst floods of the century (r)
3.45 Tales We Tell: Sistera, by Michele Roberts, read

4.00 Opera in Action. Presented by Ruth Mackenzie, general director of the Scottish Opera
4.45 Music Machine: investing in the Future
5.00 in Tune. Seen Raiferty talks to the conductor

Daniele Gatti, music director of the Royal.
Philharmonic
7.30 Performance on 3: Artadine auf Naxos.
Deborah Voight, soprano, Susan Graham, mezzo,
Chorus and Orchestra of Vienna State Opera
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under Peter Schneider. Part 1 8.20 Rebuilding the Vienna Opera House. The Austrian writer and broadcaster Marcel Prawy talks to Moore Parker about the postwar years of the Vienna State Opera. 8.40 Anache auf Naxos. Part 2

10.25 Postscript: From the Donau to the Duna. George Szries takes a journey down the Danube, exploring its culture, history and life today (1/5)

10.45 Mixing it. Mark Russell and Robert Sandall Jaunch the new series from the underground haums of Vienna, where the Phonotaktik festival of experimental music is now underway

11.30 Jazz Notes: Breson 98. Alyn Shipton begins a week of programmes from the 1998 Breson dazz Festival

Festival

12.00 Proms Composer of the Weetc Janacek (r)

1.00am Through the Night, with Donald Macleod

6.00am Today, with Sue MacGregor and James Naughte. Includes 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.25, a.25 Sports News 7.45 Thought for the Day 9.00 A Week With...

9.30 Let the Rumpus Begin (2/4) (r)

9.45 (FM) Buster's Diaries. Roy Haitersley reads five extracts from the diary of Buster, his dog and constant companion (1/5)

9.45 (LW) Dality Service. From St Martin's Church, Bettast led by the Rev Dr David Lapsley

10.00 News; Woman's Hour, with Martina Keamey, Include at 10.45 The Jury. See Choice

11.00 News; Dr Graham's School, Tim Jenkins visits

6.00 Stx O'Clock News 6.30 Only Connect. Arabella Wer is joined by Robert Llewelyn, Jo Enright, John Motoney and Rhona Cameron 7.00 News; The Archers 7.15 Front Row. Mark

The Archers 7.15 Front Row. Mark
Lawson meets the crime writer Michael Dibden,
creator of the detective Aurelia Zen
7.45 The Jury, by Matthew Solon. A high-profile public
figure is fighting a libel case to preserve her
reputation. With Suzanne Bertish and Patrick
Robinson (1.25) (3)

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In Business: What's Cooking? Peter Day looks at the effects of a possible recession on the

all the effects of a possible recession on the restaurant business (1/2)
6.00 News; September Watch, with Nick Baker 9.30 In the Eye of the Storm (f)
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lussig 10.45 Book at Bedtime: Enduring Love, by lendard Horovich: A fale of love and obsession, set in contemporary London (1/10)
11.00 Radio 4 Appeal. Helena Kennedy, OC, speaks on behalf of the Housing Associations Charitable: Trus (f)

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11.30 The Music That Binds Us (3/4) (r)
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by Eleanor Bron



A profile of Alan McGee, the man behind the Gallaghers (BBCl, 10.40pm)

Billed as a comedy drama, as opposed to a sitcom, it has been wrinen by the Mrs Merton team of Caroline Aherne. Craig Cash and Henry Normal. Aherne plays the family's soon-to-be-wed daughter, with Ricky Tomlinson and Sue Johnston as her parents and a newcomer, Ralf Little, as the younger brother. With virtually no plot much rests on the strength of the dialogue, which is often on the strength of the dialogue, which is often funny in its coarse and sardonic way.

Omnibus: Alan McGee

BBC1. 10.40pm

He has been a drug addict and teetered on the edge of bankruptcy but recovered from both to amass a personal fortune of £25 million and be courted by or bankrupic but record to be courted by personal fortune of £25 million and be courted by new Labour, though since the general election relations have cooled. Alan McGee's talent has been sporting talent, notably Oasis, which unfil McGee clapped his drugged and drunken (his description) eyes on them in 1993 were an unknown band playing minor gigs in the north of England. A friendly profile tracks McGee back to his roots in working-class Glasgow, his early ambition to be a pop singer and his realisation that he was better suited to the record business. Before Oasis he had struck gold with The Jesus and Mary. Chain and Primal Scream. The success of Oasis Chain and Primal Scream. The success of Oasis has left him wondering what else he can achieve, except to find another Oasis. But he is still only 37.

RADIO CHOICE

Back to the Valley Radio 5 Live, 9.00pm

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The quality of documentary programming on 5 Live is beginning to be a hallmark of the station, most recently demonstrated by the excellent Master Managers, which is also on tonight (7.30). Back to the Valley is the story of Charlton Athletic and it is presented by one of their fans, the television sports presenter Steve Ryder. Charlton are back in top flight football after a spell in the lower divisions and tonight's programme is a remarkable testament to the commitment of supporters: surely no game could provoke the forming of a political party which fought in the local council elections in 1990 on the single issue of bringing Charlton back to the ground from which they had been exiled in 1985.

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CLASSIC FM

6.00cm Nick Balley 6.00 Henry Kelly with the Hall of Fame and Record of the Week 12.00 Lunchtime Requests, Jane Jones presents listeners' favourité pieces of music 2.00pm Concerto. Hummel (Trumpet Concerto in E flet major) 3.00 Jamie Crick. Includes Continuous Classies and Afternoon Romance 6.30 Newsnight, John Brunning presents the latest news stones 7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven Two hours of easy-listening ruu smooth Classics at Seven Two hours of easy-listening sounds, introduced by John Brunning 8.00 Evening Concert. Beethoven (Plano Concerto No 3 in C minor): Mozart (Symphory No 30 in G minor); Beethoven (Quintet for Plano and Wind in E flat) 11.00 Mann at Night. Music, and conversation for the early hours 2.00am Concerto (f) 3.00 Mark . Griffins



ne of the most impressive. not to say disgusting, aspects of the last few days. television has been the olcaginous aplomb with which President Climton has presented his penitent soul to the world. Whether he is guilty of impeachable "high crimes and misdemeanours" or merely of "surprisingly tacky crimes and misdemeanours" hardly matters. Clinton is a consummate media performer. Producers have got more chance of landing an interview with Bigfoot than of catching the real "Slick Willy" on film. It may seem an unfair comparison. but there were moments during War Stories. Mark Cousins' interview with Steven Spielberg (BBC2, Sunday), when America's most successful director came across in much the same way.

This was, not unreasonably, a respectful interview. No other living artist approaches Spielberg's had said something he hadn't instinct for popular entertainment. had said something he hadn't meant to. Yes, he explained, he ing artist approaches Spielberg's

melodrama, sentimentality and heavy moral seriousness. In this respect he is the Charles Dickens of the 20th century. But Cousins dutifully slipped in

some awkward questions about the portrayal of Germans in the Indiano Jones films, about the awkward transinon between the horrific first 20 minutes of Soving Private Ryan and the rest of the film and about the film's myopically American perspective on the Normandy campaigns. Each of these polite thrusts was brushed aside with a polished, well-rehearsed formulation - articulate. thoughtful, good-natured, apparently sincere.

When Spielberg unexpectedly described himself as "cynical", Cousins pounced to challenge this unlikely notion. For a brief moment it seemed that the great man cynical society. If his films are the exact opposite, uplifting moral fables, which leave you feeling good about being a human being, this is because he is on vacation from feeling cynical.

This was nonsense and he knew it, and for once he appeared to be improvising. But it didn't really make any difference. Through all that enthusiasm, he seemed slightly bored. He's too practised, too completely in control to let any interviewer get a peep under the carapace.

John Wayne? Yes, he'd refused a part in 1941 because it made fun of America's early war effort, but "he would have respected and honoured" Saving Private Ryan, Spielberg thought. There was a lot of respecting and honouring going on, apparently, especially in the American war cemelery in Nor-mandy. When he slipped in that he REVIEW



Paul Hoggart

and Tom Hanks "had said some prayers on the beach", it took me back 54 years and I relived the nausea experienced by those green Gls in the landing craft.

Much the most interesting section of this puff was Spielberg's description of the technical effects used to create the grainy look of 1940s film. He had aimed for the look of Frank Capra's eight surviv-ing photographs of the Omaha

camerawork and the use of certain types of lenses had reproduced the feeling of being immersed in the terrifying ection.

Spielberg's success in this was confirmed by the British D-Day veterans interviewed on Saturday's Remembering Privates Smith and Jones on BBC2 They were all clearly stunned and moved by the realism and immediacy of this sequence. I suppose when you've produced something as powerful as that, discussing it in interviews must seem like a necessary, but imexciting chore.

If Saving Private Ryan is all about honouring sacrifice, suffering and comradeship, it is hard to imagine a greater contrast than the unbridled hedonism, egotism, elitism and vanity which was celebrated in The Rise and Fall of Studio 54 (Channel 4, Saturday).

"It was pure sex and drugs and rock 'n' roll," drawled Grace

swimming pool, presumably her own. She was the only real celebrity to be interviewed in this grisly documentary. The others — Liza Minnelli, Michael Jackson when he was still black, Bianca Jagger on a horse, Andy Warhol on anything they were passing around - all appeared in blackand-white photographs.

tudio 54 was an extraordinary phenomenon. The two street-smart Brooklyn Jew-ish lads who started it in 1977 managed to create an aura of sexually charged fashionable exclusivity. which seems to have driven celebrities mad. They were desperate to get in. Even Jack Nicholson couldn't get into the launch party.

But admission was by the whim of the doormen, creatively interpreting the mood of Steve Rubel) who ran the "promotiona)" parties (as opposed to the private parties

run by his partner, (an Schrager). You were turned away for wearing polyesier, or simply being ugly. Neighbours were alarmed to discover that an unpleasant smell was the decomposing body of a gate-crasher who had got stuck and died while trying to crawl in through the air-conditioning system. Even by the standards of the day, this was an extreme way of

Rubell believed he was casting a play every night. Picking the crowd was like "lossing the perfect salad", explained a doorman. Inside, the assembled leaves found industrial quantities of cocaine and pretty young "bus-boys", available at \$300 for an all-youcan-ear buffer of sexual services.

This was pure, undiluted, pointless decadence and, in the end, it al) seemed terribly dull. But then I would say that. Some of my clothes contain polyester, and I wouldn't have got in.

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11.00 Commonwealth Games 11.05 Rugby Union, Quarter-finals, 11.30 Swimming Finals of the women's 400m freestyle, 100m backstroke and 4x100m treestyle. and the men's 100m treestyle and 200m backstroke. Plus: synchronised

swimming and boxing (T) (92733) 1.00pm News (T) and weather (19530) 1.30 Regional News (41881004) 1.40 Neighbours (i) (T) (97020820)

2.05 Breakers (r) (298 t 3207) 2.25 Commonwealth Games Grandstand 2.30 Gymnastics: Women's all-round linal highlights; 3.10 Rugby Union final

3.25 Tales of Aesop (i) (5579207) 3.30 Microscopic Milton (4981917) 3.35 Playdays (i) (7670917) 3.55 Little Monsters (6605714) 4.00 The Animal Magic Show, New senes (646085) 4.15
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7.00 This is Your Life (1) (3207) 7.30 Here and Now How divers who learn their skills abroad risk death in Britain's colder waters (T) (511) 8.00 EastEnders (T) (9627)

8.30 Children's Hospital (T) (1462) 9.00 News (T) and weather (8356) 9.30 Neighbours at War Neighbours hammer out the

differences (T) (49820) 10.00 Panorama How providing the impotence drug Viagra on the NHS may lead to abuse and exorbitant costs (T)

10.40 CHOICE Omnibus Gritty portrait of rock 'n' roll reveller Alan McGee (T) (120288)

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11.35 Chicago Hope (T) (305337) WALES: 11.35 FAW Premier Cup: Caemarion Town v Swansea City (605849) 12.15am Chicago Hope (8965486) 1.00 FtLM: Betrayal of Trust 2.30 News 2.35 Commonwealth Games (3424134) 12.20am Betrayal of Trust (1993) True-life

drama starring Judith Light and Judd Hirsch. Directed by George Cazender 1.45 Weather (2743950)

1.50 Commonwealth Games Grandstand Swimming: Heats of the men's 400m freestyle, 200m breast-stroke, 4x100m freestyle relay and the women's 100m butterfly, 100m breast-stroke and 800m freestyle. Plus' cycling's individual road time trials; Netball: England v Jamaica; Men's and women's fours and pairs

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9.00 Commonwealth Games Grandstand Features 9.05 Netball: Live coverage of England v Barbados, 10.15 Gymnastics

The men's all-round tinal (99288) 11.00 TUC Live Viewers question TUC General Secretary John Monks via phone, fax or e-mail (90375)

1.00pm Commonw Grandstand 1.05 Rugby Union: Semi-linals 1.30 Final rounds of the badminton team event, men's and women's squash quarter-tinals, and ten-pin bowling: mixed

doubles (T) (T) (8811269) 2.10 News (T) (26725511) 2.15 TUC Live Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott and Bill Morris of the TGWU address delegates (111559) 3.55 News

(1) (6603356) 4.00 Change That (6613733) 4.25 Ready, Steady, Cook (T) (6616820) 4.55 Esther (T) (8770424) 5.30 Today's the Day (T)

6.00 The Simpsons (T)(156559) 6.25 Commonwealth Games Grandstand

Rugby sevens; squash quarter-finals; netball: England v Barbados. Plus; five swimming finals (T) (97767375) 8.00 Local Heroes: Edinburgh, Alexander Graham Bell, James Dewar, James Watt.



Antony Worrall Thompson returns for a new series (8.30pm)

B.30 France: Food and Orink New series, with guest chef David Smith of the docu-soap Hotel, Paul Rankin, Jily and Oz and Antony Worrall Thompson (T)

9.00 Shooting Stars Mark Lamarr and Ulrika Jonsson are joined by Robbie Coltrane, Sue Cook, David Hamilton and Denise Van Outen (r) (T) (6998)

9.30 Red Dwarf (r) (T) (47462) 10.00 The Royle Family New strong part comedy drama set on a Manchester council house. With Caroline Aheme, Ricky Tomlinson, Sue Johnston and Liz Smith (T) (37694)

10.28 Video Nation Shorts (683849)

10.30 Newsnight (T) (364795)

11.15 Face to Face Jeremy leacs talks to

James Naughtie (707646) 12.00em Grace Under Fire (8957221) 12.25em Weather (4431912) 12.30 Learning Zone: O U: Byron's influence

(n) (58860) 1.30 Spenish Chapel (n) (19641) 2.00 Artists, 2 (47660) 4.00 German (65202) 5.00 Business and Training (7740776) 5.40 OU: Art and the Left (44370)

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6.00am GMTV (1931849) 9.25 Vanessa (T) (6568578) 10.15 This Morning (T) (84151269) 12.15pm Regional News (2221882)

12.30 News (T) and weather (21424) 1.00 WALES: Stepping the World: Bombay

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3.15 News (5568191) 3.20 Regional News (5565004)

3.25 Wizadora (i) (5555627) 3.35 Titch (i) (4904820) 3.50 Sooty and Co (T) (7660530) 4.15 Art Attack (T) (968004) 4.45 Sabrina the Teenage Witch (T)

5.10 WALES: Get Gardening! (T) (9440337) 5.10 Yan Can Cook: The Best of China

5.40 News (T) and weather (733356) 6.00 Home end Away (i) (1) (143085) 6.25 WALES: Wates Tonight (364207) 6.25 Regional weather (751153)

6.30 The West Tonight (1) (795) 7.00 Emmerdale Kim and Steve summon up the courage to carry out their horse-stealing plan (T) (8375)

7.30 Coronation Street A desperate Curly



Let the good times roll; ravers at a club in Ibiza (8pm)

8.00 World in Action: Our Man in Ibiza An investigation Into the Invasion of this peaceful island by noisy, drunken, young party-goers (T) (4795) 8.30 Fat Statistics show that about nine million

Britons weigh more than what doctors regard as healthy (T) (6530) 9.00 Liverpool One (2/6) The death of Mikey Sullivan means a judicial inquest for Cally

(T) (9337) 10.00 News (T) and weather (96240) 10.30 Regional News and weather (131199) 10.40 Verontca's Closet Perry Invents a word

and Ronnie offends Olive (T) (347337)

11.10 Dharma and Greg Greg feels distinctly uncomfortable around Dharma's former boyfriend (T) (435530) 11.40 Midnight Caller (154530) 12.40am Football Extra (2569486) 1.40 World Football (r) (6122047) 2.05 Real Stories of the Highway Patrot (r)

2.25 Club@vision Rewind (r) (9234196) 3.10 Vanessa (1679028) 4.00 World in Action (f) (T) (67325660) 4.25 Soundtrax (90557486) 4.40 ITV Nightscreen (67138554) 5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (86573) 5.30 News (92825)

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## CHANNEL 4

6.00am Sesame Street (39191) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (T) 9.00 Bewilched (T) (13917) 9.30 Here Come the Girls (1953) Bob Hope plays a song and dance man stalked by a murderous tan. With Arlene Dahl and Rosemary Clooney Directed by Claude Binyon (T) (2544801)

10.50 Earthscape (3820820) 11.00 Australia Wild (i) (4530) 11.30 Here's One | Made Earlier, Mushroom samosas, spring rolls

and tart of Mediterranean vegetables, and chocolate sponge (r) (T) (2559) 12.00 Sesame Street (93153) 12.30pm |

Dieam of Jeannie (T) (29066) 1.00 Watercolour Chatlenge (T) (68040) 1.30 Collectors' Lot (T) (34301714) 1.50 The Bridge Path (1959) Bill Travers stars

as a Scottish islander who heads for the mainland in search of a bride. Directed by Frank Launder (T) (51953085) 3.30 Classic Homes (r) (T) (801) 4.00 Fifteen-

to-One (r) (T) (608) 4.30 Countdown (3231882) 4.55 Montel Williams; With hypnotist Paul McKenna (T) (8798820) 5.30 Pet Rescue A dog with a neglected flea-

altergy (T) (172) 6.00 Roseanne (I) (T) (135) 6.30 Hollyoaks (T) (337)

7,00 News (T) and weather (641153) 7.55 Algeria Daily The problems faced by journalists covering the civil war (128356) 8.00 The Deep The history of deep

submergence technology and the men who risked their lives to develop it during the Cold War (1/3) (r) (7) (7153) 9.00 Animal Matice Examples of dangerous encounters with animals, from a mad squirrel that (errorlsed a neighbourhood to a parakeet that bloke a man's neck and a turkey that took levenge on a



Another case for Dennis Franz, Jimmy

10.00 NYPD Blue: Don't Kill the Messenger (1/2) Bobby and Andy investigate the murder of a woman whose boytriend has a history of mental illness (T) (597801) 10.55 Adult Rickl Lake: Mum You're e Tramp - Stop Sleeping Around (T)

(378998) 11.40 The Lonely Passion of Judith Hearne (1987) Maggie Smith, stars as an ageing spinster with a secret drink problem who seeks love with tellow-lodger Bob Hoskins, Also with Wendy Hiller and Prunella Scales. Directed by Brian Moore

1.50am The Best Intentions (1992) Ingmar Bergman tells the story of his parents' courtship and marriage. Directed by Bille August (681863) 3.35 Dragonwyck (1946, b/w) Gothic melodiama starring Vincent Price and Gene Tierney. Directed by Joseph L. Mankiewicz (997283)

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(1630191) 8.00 Havakazoo (9752608) 8.30 Dappledown Farm (r) (9784207) 9.00 The Great House Game (I) (T)

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Richard (3235714) 3.30 Double Bunk (1960, b/w) with lan Carmichael, Janette Scott and Sid James, Slapstick comedy about

newlyweds living on a houseboat, C M Pennington Richards directs (2038917) 5.10 The Oprah Winfrey Show: How to See a Crime Coming (9005820)

6.00 100 Per Cent (T) (4129801) 6.30 Family Affairs (T) (4110153) 7.00 5 News (T) (2627135)

7.30 Polar Odyssey The first lew years in the lile of a Canadian seal pup (T) (4116337) 8.00 The House Doctor Ann Maurice helps e former body-builder in Stockport to make his house more presentable (T)

8.30 Crime Report Crime-related issues



Sean Bean stars as a brewery worker who dreams of playing football (9pm)

9.00 When Saturday Comes (1995) with Sean Bean, Emily Lloyd and Pete Postlethwaite. Sports drama in which a brewery worker fulfits his dream of becoming a professional tootballer. Directed by Maria Gress (T) (77500820) 10.50 Dr Fox's Chart Update (6424207)

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# Ministers press Philips on threat to 2,000 workers

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY AND ADAM JONES

THE GOVERNMENT is holding urgent talks with Philips, the Dutch electronics company, in a last-ditch effort to prevent further heavy job losses in the North East. Philips is considering closing its British television component operations, placing

up to 2,000 jobs at risk.

In a separate blow Vickers is expected to announce this week that it is shedding up to 600 jobs in its Newcastle and Leeds tank factories.

The North East, because of the heavy

markel as well as hitting global demand. Siemens recently shut its semiconduc-

tor plant on Tyneside, with the loss of 1,100 jobs, and Fujitsu last month announced the closure of its semiconductor plant in Durham, with a further 600 job losses. The news that Philips is considering its position suggests that the downturn is now spreading to the consumer electronic sector.

concentration of high-tech inward invest-

ment in the region. has already been hard

hit by the Asian crisis, which has created

a glut of cheap electronic products on the

The North East is politically important

to the Government, with a number of senior ministers, including Tony Blair and Peter Mandelson, the Trade and Industry Secretary, holding parliamentary seats in the area. Mr Mandelson recently commit-ted £100 million in an effort to attract new

investment to the region.

Philips's plants at Durham, Washington and Burnley, in Lancashire, produce cathode ray tubes for television sets.

However, the factories are believed to require substantial investment in order to keep pace with developments in new technology. Philips is expected to disclose next week that it is undertaking a major

push into the new market for digital

A spokesman for the Department of Trade and Industry said that the Government is "holding discussions" with Philips on how it might prevent closure. Ministers are believed to be prepared to offer substantial aid to ensure that the

plants remain open.

The North East is facing further job losses in the defence industry, with Vickers poised to announce redundancies at its tank factories in Newcastle and Leeds. The two factories are currently assembling Challenger 2 tanks for the Brit-

ish Army, but work is being scaled

Vickers also appears to have lost out in a battle to form an alliance with the rival tankmaker Alvis despite strong pressure from Schroders, its major shareholder,

for a merger.

GKN is believed to be on the verge of signing a deal with Alvis, which will see it hold up to 49 per cent of a merged tank business — valued at up to £300 million on the stock market. Nick Prest, the chairman and chief executive of Alvis. is expected to become chief executive of the new company. The two companies are

also expected to consider making job curs at GKN's factory at Telford, Shropshire, and Alvis's Coveniry plant.

British tankmakers have been poised for a wave of mergers because of widespread over-capacity in Europe. Europe-an Governments have been forthright in their support for consolidadon across their defence and aerospace industries so that they can compete more effectively with American rivals.

GKN is also in the process of merging its Westland helicopters business with Agusta, part of Firmeccancia, the Italian defence company.

# Unions fear open season for job losses

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

HUNDREDS OF thousands of jobs in manufacturing will be lost in a recession that is "just hours" away, two of Britain's big-

gest unions said yesterday.

The AEEU engineering workers' union and the MSF manufacturing, science and fi-nance union launched a powerful attack on the level of interest rates and urged quick ac-tion to avert large-scale job losses throughout industry. Roger Lyons, general secre-tary of the MSF, gave warning that there would be "an open season" for job losses if the Bank of England kept to its line of besting down inflation line of beating down inflation

through interest rates. He said that recent calcula-

dons that 500,000 jobs would have to go if the Government were to achieve an inflationfree economy would prove cor-

The two unions have struck up an alliance ahead of today's opening of the TUC annual conference in Blackpool to fight for manufacturing industry in a move also backed by the Engineering Employers Federation. They want action from the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee to bring down rates and to broaden its remit from merely curbing inflation to also stimulating economic growth and pro-

A further call for lower interest rates came yesterday from the other end of the political

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spectrum. The free market-oriented Institute of Directors, in a research paper, gave six reasons why rates should be cut, including a fall in consumer and business confidence com-pounded by the crisis in the Russian economy. Graeme Leach, the IoD's

chief economist, said the last interest rate increase, in early June, was "a rise too far, and should be reversed".

The union campaign was launched as the GMB gave warning that 100,000 jobs would be lost in textiles if Marks & Spencer bought all its supplies outside the UK. The retailer, which currently sources 70 per cent of its goods from the UK, has said it will source more of its supplies out-side the UK. The union has tabled an emergency motion to the Congress.

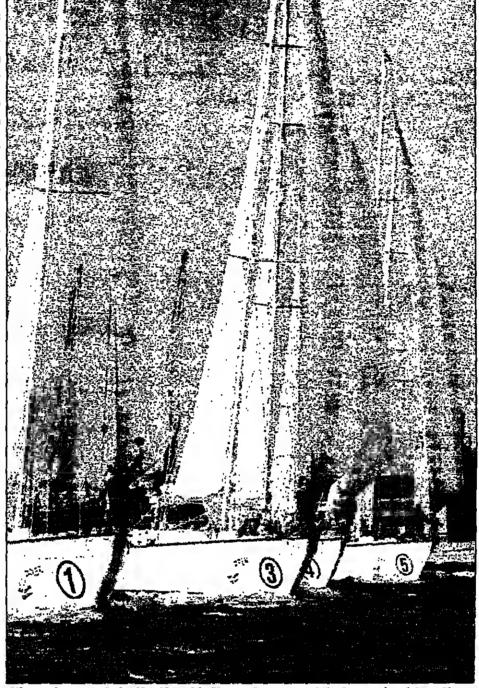
Bill Morris, General Secre-tary of the T&GWU, said the Government needed to make sure that economic action was tailored to the different states of industry within the economy. He said that macroeconomie action such as interest rates could not cope with the differing needs of an accelerating service sector and slow manufacturing industry.

Ken Jackson, general secre-tary of the AEEU, said interest rates needed to be cut to avoid the massive fallout that his manufacturing during the last period of a strong pound in the 1980s. He said: "Last ome we had a high pound it decimated 40 per cent of British industry." He said that the effects of the economic crisis in the Far East should not be compounded by high interest rates.

Mr Jackson added that a major electronics retailer had told him that from their sales and activity on the high street, the UK was just "hours away" from a recession. Mr Lyons said that "some [manufacturers] are in an acute state and some are in crisis".

The alliance of the unions aims to give manufacturing a higher profile, to stress its importance to the economy and to increase competitiveness. The unions have already told the Prime Minister their ideas on improving competitiveness but believe that interest rates needed to be low enough to allow companies to compete.

Test for Monks, page 50 unrest would reach a high wa-



Clipper Ventures, chaired by Sir Robin Knox-Johnston, used the International Boat Show, outhampton, to announce its £1 million purchase of eight boats for corporate sailing

## G7 expected ' to reject new Russian plea

By Alasdair Murray, economics correspondent

REPRESENTATIVES of the G7 group of nadons are today expected to reject Russian pleas for further financial aid to help deal with the country's

mounting financial crisis.

The meeting, which will be chaired by Sir Nigel Wicks, deputy permanent under-secretary at the Treasury, will hear from Mikhail Kasyanov.

hear from Mikhail Kasyanov, Russian Deputy Finance Minister, and Georgi Mamedov, Deputy Foreign Minister.

However, the G7 is reluctant to provide any fresh help without a clear commitment from Yevgeni Primakov, the new Russian Prime Minister, to reform.

In an effort to try to co-ordinate a G7 response to the crisis of confidence in international markets, Gordon Brown is tomorrow flying to Tokyo for discussions with Kiichi Miyazawa, the Japanese Finance Minister. Mr Brown is aiming to conduct discussions with all the G7 finance ministers ahead of the full G7 meeting in Washington on October 3.

main concerned that with President Clinton concentrating on a rebuttal of the allegations in the Starr report, there is little hope of any significant initia-tive from the G7.

The appointment last week of Mr Primakov and Viktor Gerashchenko, as head of the Russian central bank, has raised fears that Russia could resort to Soviet-style economic policies in an effort to solve its crippling economic problems.

Mr Gerashchenko was in

charge of the central bank during the period of hyperinfla-don in the early 1990s and has indicated that he is willing to ease monetary policy.

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President Yeltsin, however. insisted at the weekend that Russia would not turn away from market policies. Mr Pri-makov added that his Govern-ment would not default on its international debts.

## Goldman lags behind its rivals

GOLDMAN Sachs, the Wall Street investment bank that last week said it was ploughing ahead with its planned \$25 billioo (£15 million) flotation, is losing ground in the crucial area of futures and options, a survey published today shows (Jason Nissé writes).

tives dealers were asked to name their leading competitors in the annual survey by Risk magazine. Goldman was given top three ranking in just 12 markets.

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This compares with JP Morgan, which was nominated in 64 categories and Chase Manhattan, which scored in 49 and led the most lucrative category, the \$23 trillion-a-year interest rate swaps market.

## More employers forecast strikes

By OUR INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

STRIKES and other industrial action will increase over the next year, with the public sector hardest hit.

There will also be a "signifianı" revival in the trade unions as new recognition laws are enforced, according to a survey of industrial relations.

The rise in industrial action. forecast by Dibb Lupton Alsop, the employment lawyers, follows increases over the past six years that the survey has been conducted. Strikes and unrest will be isolated and discontinuous rather than large all-out incidents. David Bradley and Paul Nicholls, authors of the report, said: "We had

hoped last year that industriat

ter mark. Sadly this does not appear to be the case."

Canvassing of 230 of the

UK's biggest employers and unions found that 41 per cent of unionised employers expected more balloting compared with 23 per cent last year. Some 12.5 per cent (4.5 per cent) of those employers fore-cast strike action. Forty-three per cent expected some form of industrial unrest.

Last year the actual incidence of strikes in unionised employers rose from 7 per cent to 11.5 per cent. Action other than strikes rose from 12 per cent to 16 per cent.

Ironically, the report found that relations between employers and workers had improved

believed to have significantly

changed his equity portfolio

Traditionally, Berkshire's

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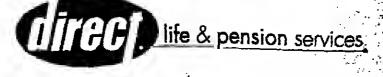
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## **Buffett defies market** turmoil with 25% rise

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

WARREN BUFFETT, the Sage of Omaha, has emerged as an unlikely winner from the recent stock market turmoil that wiped out the price gains of the Dow Jones for this year.

The share price of Berkshire Hathaway, the investment company run by Mr Bulfett, is up 25 per cent for the year, even though its assets show no increase in market value. More than 90 per cent of Berkshire Hathaway's money is invested in eight weighty US stocks, including Coca-Cola, Gillette, American Express and Travelers Group, that have fallen back to their end

Mr Buffett famously cham-

of 1997 levels.

Buffett long-term policy

pions a long-term investment policy that has made him America's second-wealthiest While he sold out of Me-

Donald's last year, he is not

value is always slightly above the value of its combined net dented.

assets, representing a premium for Mr Buffett's expertise at picking stocks and selling out at the best omes. But the 25 per cent gap that opened up in recent weeks is unprece-To benefit from the difference, investors could acquire a portfolio with a share content similar to Mr Buffett's in-

stead of buying Berkshire Hathaway shares. This would be cheaper and investors would also benefit from the differential between Berkshire's corporation tax on profits and the lower capital gains tax paid by individuals.

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